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LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The year of the Laser

Changes and updates enhance growing campus

By Briana Nestor

Over the summer, Lasell made many changes and updates to the campus, and all of them will benefit the community. Some of the changes and additions include two new Master's of Education degrees for graduate students, seven new faculty members, a new center for the arts, and new technology available to students and faculty.

The graduate curricula for Elementary Education and Special Education with Initial or Professional licensure are set to launch January of 2011. The program consists of 36 credits and should take approximately one and a half years to complete, according to Adrienne Franciosi, director of Graduate Admissions.

"Lasell is excited to offer a Master's in Education. The school has always offered undergraduate programs and many states require a Master's degree to teach," said Franciosi. "Now, students can look at Lasell for the curriculum they need."

Lascll welcomed seven new faculty members this semester. New professors from the Justice Studies, Art, Graphic Design, Sports Management, Psychology and Communication departments are now teaching at the college.

The Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts, next to Yamawaki, is still under construction and it is set to be completed by next summer, according to the official Lasell website. The center will house the Lasell Fashion Connection. Faculty offices and classrooms are also being built in the center.

The MyLasell homepage is more user-friendly. According to Deborah Gelch, Chief Information Officer, anyone can update the website's contents and Lasell is currently working on creating a place for students to upload.

Students and faculty can view their e-mail using Outlook Live. This new server has 10 Gigabits of storage and a 25 Gigabit SkyDrive that acts like a USB flash drive but gives multiple people access to documents.

"We're always trying to provide access to technology for academic work and the best technological skills for the 'real world,'" said Gelch.



PHOTO BY SARA BROWN

The Danahue Center far Creative and Applied Arts is set to be completed by summer 2011.

Lasell also put new Mac computers in the Doran lab and new PCs in the Gregorian Multimedia lab. "We bought the most expensive Macs you can buy and there are high-end PCs in the Gregorian lab," said Gelch. Lasell also upgraded computers in the Doran and Gregorian labs to Windows 7 and installed Adobe CS5.

The Brennan Library, which is now wireless, also had "at least 30 computers" replaced. The Campus Center, Wass, Wolfe and Yamawaki are now wireless as well.

During the first week of October, Lasell is planning to launch a Lasell iPhone App. Using this app, students and faculty can access MyLasell for campus events, look at daily meals on Sodexo's website, check the shuttle

schedule, and even catch "live stats and playby-plays" on the Athletics homepage, according to Gelch.

The Information and Technology Help-desk is now located next to the Academic Achievement Center on the lower level of the library if students are experiencing technical troubles. The Fuss Technology Center is now called the Teaching and Learning Commons where faculty can work with experts to learn about classroom technology.

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Off campus, the school is working with local companies so students can use Laser Loot on their Torch cards at stores in the area. "This hasn't been tested yet so I can't reveal which stores but it will available this semester, hopefully in October," said Gelch.

The Donahue Bookstore has adopted

Rent-A-Text for the fall semester. Through the program, students can rent textbooks for 45 percent of the retail price, according to Randie Farmelant, manager of Donahue's Bookstore. Rented textbooks are due back to the bookstore on the last day of finals.

Liz Clough, assistant manager of Donahue's and senior at Lasell, said, "Everyone seems to love it. You can even highlight in the books and use them like you would any other textbook."

Students also have the option of buying rented textbooks for the full retail price at any point during the semester. One-third of the textbooks in the store are available to rent and it is up to the professors which books are available to rent. Students can log onto www.bkstr. com and search "Lasell" to see which textbooks are available to rent.

New start for beloved professor

By Kimberly A. Hooper



COURTESY OF JENNIFER CHAKROFF

Dr. Jennifer Chakraff and Dr. Sarahbeth Galden at the annual Lasell Spring Ball.

Dr. Jennifer Chakroff, a popular professor on campus who taught Communication at Lasell for three years, moved back to her home state of Ohio at the end of May to teach and be closer to her family and friends.

Chakroff made the difficult decision to leave Lasell and the Boston-area last spring, but knew it was the right decision after she accepted a teaching job in the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University.

"My teaching primarily will be close to my research interests of the mass media," she said. "Right now, I am teaching a course called Public Communication which looks at the issues in the mass media, political communication, and corporate communication."

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Chakroff is also the Basic Course Director for Kent State.

At the undergraduate level at Lasell, Chakroff taught classes such as: Understanding Mass Media, Introduction to Advertising, Children and Media, Media Literacy, Effective Speaking, and Seminar in Speech Tutoring. At the graduate level, Chakroff taught Communication, Ethics, and Society, Persuasion and Public Opinion, and Communication Research Methods.

Alongside teaching and advising, Chakroff was an active participant of many on-campus organizations.

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"In addition to academic advising, I was the Speaking Across the Curriculum Coordinator," she said. "I liked being able to attend the different exhibits from GDL (Graphic Design League) and sporting events on campus as well."

Chakroff said she already misses her advisees, students, and colleagues.

"I truly miss the relationships I made while I was there," she said. "I hope to stay in contact with people from Lasell. I made some great friends there, and I can't help but want to hear how all of my students are doing as they move forward with their education and careers."

Chakroff made many close relationships with students who are graduating in May 2011 because she starting teaching when they were freshmen. Chakroff hopes to make it back to the familiar Taylor Field in time for commencement.

"I am hoping to be back for graduation, but I still have to see what my responsibilities at Kent State are for that time of year," she said. "Since I have gotten to know so many seniors who will be graduating, I really want to be there. I just have to see before I can commit."

Chakroff was recently engaged and she said although it was exciting to start classes at Kent, it was sad not to see all the students she enjoyed having in class at Lasell.

"Jenny was an amazing teacher," said senior Tara McKenna who is studying Communication with a concentration in public relations. "I had her for Effective Speaking and Media Literacy. In both courses she thoroughly explained the material and most importantly, she was willing to meet with me and other students any time we needed extra help or clarification on certain assignments. She will be missed by many people here but I wish her the best."









OPINION

Editor's Column

By Kimberly A. Hooper

Internships: the key to success

Over the course of my three years at Lasell, I have always been taught about the importance of internships and getting as much connected learning experience as I possibly can before I graduate. Now I am a senior and I am so glad I listened to my professors.

Last spring, I was determined to find an internship for the summer. One of my communication professors told me she would do everything in her power to help me land an internship with a local newspaper. I made sure my resume was up-to-date, my cover letter was written, and my portfolio was ready to go. Then it felt real to me. I put a stamp on the envelope and sent my resume to the local newspaper in my town. Instantly, I felt nervous and unsure. What if the resume gets lost in the mail? What if they don't like what they see on paper? All these questions kept popping into my head, but I knew I had to be patient and something good would happen.

My professors have always told me to follow up with employers and be persistent when it comes to applying for jobs. A week after I sent my resume, I received a phone call from one of the editors of the paper. He said he was impressed with my resume and he wanted to schedule an interview. I was overjoyed with excitement and I knew my hard work paid off. I can definitely say that the internship I had this summer with my local newspaper was one of the best experiences I have had in my life so far. I wrote dozens of stories for the newspaper and five of them ended up on the front page. It was exciting working for them because they gave me assignments the first day I arrived. I felt like a real working adult with a great deal of responsibility.

The value of internships is so important and I recommend all students to do multiple internships before they graduate. It doesn't matter if you receive credit or get paid for it; it's the experiences and the knowledge that are worth so much more in the end. It also doesn't mean you have to intern only at the most well-known companies. Find those hidden gems because you will be surprised at how great those small companies really are.

There are countless resources available on campus that work to help students land internships, write resumes, and practice interviewing skills. The Career Center, the AAC, and professors are always available to help you look for internships and practice writing and interviewing skills. There are even classes offered at Lasell that help you write a resume and cover letter, and practice interviewing and effective speaking no matter your major.

So take a few minutes and think about what kind of internships would interest you. You would be surprised about how many are available. Check out a company that interests you and send someone from the organization an e-mail or make a telephone call. In the end, when you are starting to apply for jobs, you won't regret the extra work you did to get the internship that possibly helped you land the job of your dreams.

College, it's worth it

By Brandon Chase OPINION EDITOR

This summer, I had a new job working at Mc-Nairn Packaging in Westfield, MA, putting different types of paper in boxes all day. For any college student, this seems like easy summer work. However, I hated every day of it. I didn't hate it because of the factory-style working conditions, 3:30 p.m. to midnight shift, or the monotony. I hated it because I got a glimpse of what life would be like without college.

At my first day on the job, I realized I wouldn't be making any friends there. I was the youngest person on the staff and the only one furthering my education. As time went on, I felt like the only one who was sophisticated.

The lunchroom was like that of a maximumsecurity prison. Profani-

ties were used as adjectives to enhance dialogue. Manners were harder to find than a solution to the BP oil disaster and English was a secondary language. So why did I stick with it for 11 weeks? It was the most humbling experience of my life, and that was exactly what I needed.

I worked at a cutting machine with two men named Angel and Dave. Angel, 27, had a good head on his shoulders, but could not save up enough money to attend college. Dave was a man who rarely spoke, but his demeanor was angry. One night after lunch break, Dave had left early. I asked Angel, "Why is Dave always so depressed?"

He replied, "He's 40 and he still lives with his dad. Wouldn't you be depressed too? Come on man, he took a half-day vacation to go to the bar."

I froze and choked up. From that

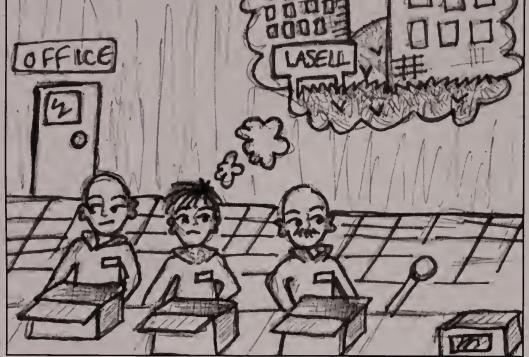


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moment on, I realized my life is great as a college student.

In today's day and age, iPhones and designer clothing are handed to our generation the way candy and baseball cards were given to our parents. I was told everyday how fortunate I was to be in college. Based on the materialistic and spoiled lifestyle of Generation Y, they fail to understand that education is an opportunity rather than a right. The employees at McNairn know this because most of them never had that opportunity.

While working at McNairn, I couldn't be my intelligent, educated self because I wouldn't been understood. However, amidst the bleakness, there was a light at the end of the tunnel to help me satisfy my intellectual mind. I met a man named Abe,

a Vietnam veteran with a big heart and even bigger mind. Abe was always there to joke around, give advice, or strike up an intelligent discussion. Seeing Abe made each day tolerable.

I felt like I couldn't accomplish anything while working at McNairn. Twenty years from now, you will not see these employees with their own column in the Boston Globe, running their own business, or teaching the youth of America. They will stay in that factory for the rest of their lives, without having made a mark on society. If these people did teach me one thing, it's that through the opportunity of education, I have a chance to accomplish anything. I've got it made.

Stop complaining and do something

By: Alyssa Lusky

It's no secret the campus turns into a ghost town on most weekends during the school year and students complain endlessly that there is never anything to do here. However, when you're approximately eight miles outside a city that is always bustling and you have a group of students responsible for planning activities every week, how could someone possibly be bored?

Over the years, Lasell has continually added events for students to attend. Discounted tickets are sold through the Office of Student Activities for events around the surrounding area. Whether it's attending

a lecture during the week in DeWitt Hall, catching a movie in Rosen Auditorium with your friends, or snagging tickets for the popular New York City Trip, Lasell has you covered.

Comedians and musicians of all genres also grace the stage almost every weekend with a free show for anyone interested. Not your style? Try a sporting event. Lasell is home to 15 sports teams with games throughout the week and weekends to entertain those who crave the rush of competition.

If you're looking for a chance to get explore somewhere different, why not

spend the day in Boston? Home to thousands of college students, Boston offers something for just about everyone at various prices. Whether it's spending the day shopping on Newbury Street, paying a visit to the New England Aquarium, or exploring Downtown Crossing, you're guaranteed to find something of interest.

Instead of sitting around and wishing you had something to do, grab a group of friends and start experiencing what Lasell and Boston have to offer. Check out the events calendar on my.lasell.edu for more information on dates and times for upcoming events on and off-campus.

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Col Mess

By Deirdre McCombs

I, Deirdre McCombs, did something that a hot mess should never even attempt. That's right, I took a road trip this summer. Let me start off by saying I never openly said I love to drive long distances, and that's because I don't! I can't stand being in the car all day long, it makes me sick. With that said, I'll continue with my hot mess of a story.

The reason I went on this road trip was because of my boyfriend. That's right fellas, I'm taken. Who would have thought that would ever happen? My boyfriend is in the Army. When he graduated from bootcamp this summer, I decided I would travel to Georgia to see him graduate after such a long, tough process he had been through.

My best friend from high school, Meg, decided that she would come along for the ride. So we hit the open road with the wind in our hair and my Corolla overpacked and we set out on this mini-adventure.

Georgia is an interesting state. I love Waffle House and I'm a big fan of cheese grits, but honestly, Meg and I were lucky we made it out of there alive. Meg and I drove all the way down to Georgia and when we got to the hotel, I realized I had forgotten my license. I drove all the way down to Georgia with no ID. That wouldn't have been a big deal if I was 20 minutes down the road. No, I had to be in Georgia. I also had to get onto a military base with no ID. Mission impossible, right? Well, not so much. Here's where my weird luck comes into play. I had my social security card with me. Why? I have no idea. I just feel the need to always carry the most random identification possible.

We finally get to Family Day on the base, and let me tell you, I've never been so scared in my life! Not only was I scared that they weren't going to let me in after traveling all that way, but I also feared for my life. Here's the thing: the military and I just don't mix well. I'm crazy and I speak without thinking and they, well, they carry guns. We got to the base and there was a man with what I believe is called an M-16, but don't hold me to it. So I nervously told the man that I traveled all the way from Massachusetts without an ID. He looked at me in the passenger seat and said, "Ma'am, it is common sense to bring your ID to a military base." He was basically calling me stupid, so I say without thinking, of course, "Well I guess I'm just a moron."

I've been doing comedy for a long time and never in my almost 22 years of living have I experienced such a reaction that this man had. I thought I was going to be shot down for making a joke. He looked at me, and did the "Deirdre sigh," which almost everyone does when I first meet them. It's just a plain sigh and they mutter something at the end like, "Oh, gosh."

So I was finally on the base and I was looking forward to finally seeing my man. It had been a long time since we last talked and I almost peed my pants back at the security checkin. Needless to say, I was excited. They marched out in these cute little uniforms and then they started to chant. Oh my gosh, they were chanting! They said, "Let me take a cold sword and STAB in between the second and third rib and TWIST. AHH!" My stomach was in knots and I was thinking, what are they teaching my boyfriend? Now, when we get into arguments, I hesitate and put my hand over my second and third rib, where ever those are.

Student activities welcomes new coordinator

By Sara Brown

As a new school year begins, the Lasell community welcomes new hires. Lasell has recently hired Carlton Jones to be the new Coordinator for Student Organizations.

Jones began his new role on campus last month and has enjoyed the new job ever since. "It's really great," said Jones. "I am very happy to be here." Jones received his undergraduate degree in sociology at the University of Connecticut. A few months

ago, he graduated with his masters from Central Connecticut State University in counseling with a concentration in student development in higher education.

"Carlton was very active as an undergraduate student leader and he was an exceptional graduate student with experience in student activities. He was chosen for having a great spirit, fresh ideas, and the ability to jump in and get things done," said Jennifer Granger, Director of Student Activities and Orientation.

Coming from two large institutions, the fact that Lasell is a smaller community is what drew Jones in. "I went to bigger schools so it was easy to get lost in a crowd," said Jones. "I like that Lasell is a small campus."

As the new Coordinator for Student Organizations, Jones oversees all clubs and organizations on campus. He acts as a "liaison" for established clubs and helps them plan successful events. Jones is also a resource for students who want to start a new club. "If someone wants to start a club that is not already here, they need to come see me and I will help them with the steps that need to be followed." he said.

"Carlton can bring new ideas and a new energy to the position. I think he



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will really be a great resource for student clubs and organizations, student leaders, and club and organization advisors. He really cares about what he is doing and I think that will show," said Granger.

One of the aspects that Jones enjoys about the job is the spontaneity of it. "Every day there is something different. There is always a new challenge," said Jones.

"I am getting pushed out of my comfort zone. I am doing things I wouldn't do or didn't think I could do."

Another perk of the job is working with the students and faculty. "The students have been wonderful. Everyone here seems happy to be here. Everyone is respectful. It has been an awesome experience thus far," said Jones.

When Jones isn't busy at work, he enjoys exercising and hanging out with his friends. Also, Jones is a big music buff. "I know most songs. I am known as being the music dictionary," said Jones. Some of his favorite acts are B.o.B, Drake and Kanye West.

This school year, Jones hopes to acclimate himself into the Laser community. "I just want to get my feet wet and get more comfortable and involved in the community," he said.

Jones encourages all students, especially first years, to get involved on campus. "Find something you are passionate about and are willing to spend time on," said Jones. "Getting involved makes your college experience a more well-rounded one."



By Sara Brown

Everyone knows that I'm a self confessed Facebook addict. In this very column, I discussed my addiction to the social networking site. However, over the summer, I noticed an alarming trend about myself and my generation: we never seem to shut up when it comes to this site.

The amount of personal information that gets spilled on to statuses and photos everyday is bordering on ridiculous. I'm a prime example of this behavior. If you looked at my Facebook page right now, you would be able to see every high and low of my relationships and the fact that I really enjoy my Thursday nights.

I must admit it all seems sort of harmless. So what if my friends see my overly emotional for no good reason statuses or those pictures from last weekend? Who is it going to hurt? It is going to hurt no one but my reputation. I know, we have all heard this lecture on being careful about what you post on the web before but I don't think most of us are listening.

Last month, a Massachusetts high school teacher was fired after describing students as "germ bags" and parents as "snobby" and "arrogant" on her Facebook page. The teacher thought her Facebook settings were set to "private" and only her friends could see her postings when in fact her posts were visible to everyone. "I made a stupid mistake, it may have cost me my career," she said in an interview with ABC News.

Also, recently in Nashua, NH more than 50 break-ins took place and Facebook is somewhat to blame. More than \$100,000 worth of property was stolen and police say the thieves targeted these homes because people said they weren't home on their Facebook pages.

Instances like this happen all the time. Even when we have our privacy settings rivaling the security of Fort Knox there are still ways to get around it. When did it become socially acceptable to divulge personal information about our lives to everyone and anyone online? Do you really want the kid that lives down the hall from you to know how much you detest your job or that your girlfriend cheated on you?

Before I go pointing the finger of judgment at everyone, I need to point it at myself. I am guilty of the same peculiar conduct I am criticizing. The number of times a co-worker or even professor has come up to me and asked me about my personal life from details they found from my Facebook is a little too high for my liking.

I am an extremely private person and it takes me a long time to open up to someone. However, opening up to the whole world of Facebook is a little too easy for me. Maybe it's because it seems anonymous. I don't tend to think about my 500 and something "friends" when I am updating my status and that might be the problem. Maybe this is the problem for everyone else too.

1 can't promise I am going to change my behavior, but I do challenge myself and others to re-examine how they use Facebook.

Laser It

By: Jordan Feeney

Name: Lindsay Feeney

Age: 18

Hometown: Greenland, NH

Major: Fashion Communication

"I'm so happy to be part of a brand new major at Lasell. I'm most excited about finally taking fashion courses! They have never been available to me before and I'm really thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more."



Lindsay Feeney

THE WINDOW SEAT

By Jordan Mayblum SPORTS EDITOR

Just as this summer and the baseball season are drawing to a finish, a microcosm of this year played out in the span of about 30 seconds. It didn't happen at Fenway Park, or any of the 29 Major League parks for that matter. It didn't even happen in a game. Instead, it all occurred on an empty beach in Gloucester in the wake of Hurricane Earl.

But what could possibly reflect the Red Sox season in a location so far removed from the diamond?

The one thing that identifies the Red Sox more than any player, manager, or ballpark could is the navy blue, red and white hat that every Red Sox player has ever worn. But it's not just the players who don it. That honor is also bestowed upon the fans that support the team.

That's where this story begins. One fan wore his hat that day on the beach and in what seemed like a flash, the hat was blowing away, off the edge of a pier and into the water. At first, things didn't look good, just as they didn't look good when Dustin Pedroia broke his foot, Victor Martinez broke his thumb, Kevin Youkilis freakishly injured his thumb, Jacoby Ellsbury broke his ribs, or when Josh Beckett took the mound this season.

Despite the odds, the hat, like the team it represented for its six years of life, floated on the surface, seemingly within reach of a rescuing grasp. It swayed from side to side and led its owner, as avid a Red Sox fan as anyone, to believe that there was still hope in that moment.

Then it started to fill with water. Like the team, the fading blue fabric

Like the team, the fading blue fabric adorned with a maroonish-black "B" collapsed under the pressure and sank to the murky ocean floor. The only thing comparable to watching the tragic demise of the team and hat is the pain Tom Hanks felt as he watched "Wilson" float away.

The hat, like the players who went down due to injury or decline this year, had to be replaced by another and though it had performed admirably, like the Darnell McDonalds and Bill Halls of the world, it's just not the same.

Let's go Lasers



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(Tap) Juniar Eileen Barrett sets while freshman Taylor Riley prepares to spike. (Middle right) The mens cross cauntry team participating in a meet an September 11th. (Middle left) Freshman Alexandra Smith at a recent meet. (Battom) Mens soccer celebrates win against Mt. Ida.

Men's teams look toward success

By Brandon Chase OPINION EDITOR

Back to school means back to work for the men's sports teams, and so far things are running smoothly. The soccer, cross country and rugby squads are all off to good starts and they hope to improve on their performances from last season

The soccer team is ranked second in the GNAC polls and their record stands at 1-2 at press time. Led by captains Matt Bruninghaus, Sean Fisher and Stephen Petrin, the Lasers hosted the Lasell College Kick-Off Classic on September 4th and 5th. The Lasers fell to New York Polytechnic 3-2 in overtime, but defeated Farmingdale State College 2-0. Senior Dan Hatch and junior Kyle Cronin both scored in the Lasell victory.

The cross country team has also had steady performances early on. With senior captain Kris McCabe at the helm, Lasell hosted the President's Cup on August 28th and finished in second place overall. Four Laser runners placed in the top 10, with sophomore Miguel Taveras leading the way. Taveras finished third with a time of 18:26. At press time, the team has yet to participate in a conference meet.

The rugby team is in their second season as a club sport, but club president Ryan Rezendes is optimistic about the team's performance this fall. The team will open their season on September 26th against Merrimack at home.

"We are looking forward to this game with high hopes and great enthusiasm and excitement," says Rezendes. Competing in Division IV, the team has a five-game schedule and is led by captains Jimmy Curtis and Mike Sullivan.

Women's teams hope for Laser show

By ZacVierra
NEWS EDITOR

As the fall season marks the start of a new semester, this time of year also signals the return of Laser athletics. For women's sports, the fall season includes field hockey, soccer, and volleyball. With a clean slate to start the season, each team hopes to put on a laser show that will end with winning seasons and hopefully playoff berth.

The women's volleyball team is coached by Mary Tom who is returning for her 14th season as coach. After a 10-23 (5-7 GNAC) performance last year, Coach Tom sees potential in this edition of the Lasers. "I think the team can take it all. Defensively, we are extremely strong and we get better with each outing," Tom said. "There are endless possibilities with the lineups."

The lady Lasers have seven returning players, five of which were starters last year. Eight freshmen will begin their first season. Tom believes the freshmen will valuable to the existing team.

A strength for the team this year could be defense. "This year, the squad is probably the best overall defensive team

I have had in a very long time, which I personally like," said Tom.

Junior Meghan Crozier is a player to watch this season. Crozier has improved each year for the Lasers and according to Tom, makes assists look easy. Melanie Costa, senior captain, does a good job leading by example. Junior captains Danielle Drapeau and Eileen Barrett are both described as "intense" and a "spark" by Coach Tom. Freshmen Sarah Eisenberg and Taylor Riley have also been standouts to this point of the season.

The flexibilities with the lineups will allow Tom to match up with other teams. "The team shows promise and I am excited about this season," she said.

The field hockey team will include some new faces this season. Caitlin Connolly will begin her first season as head coach. She previously coached field hockey at Daniel Webster College and was assistant coach at Bryant University.

Along with the addition of Connolly, the Lasers will add 10 freshmen to their roster while 11 players will return from last year. "It may take us time to see that in the win column, since we are a young

team," said Connolly. "However, we will challenge our conference teams much more than we did last year." Connolly believes the program will be more com-

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Caitlin Connolly Head coach, field hockey

petitive than their 7-12 (3-4 NAC) performance last season. "We have made major improvements since last season. The team is working as a unit, we just need to put execute in our attack end and put the ball in the net," she said.

Vito LaFrancesca will be back for his fourth season coaching the women's soccer team. Lasell has gone 30-19-4 during

LaFrancesca's tenure, including a 9-6-2 (8-2-2 GNAC) record last year.

The Laser's roster will consist of 16 returning players and 11 freshmen. LaFrancesca said the team came to preseason in good shape and worked hard during camp. "We are a strong team but still have a lot of work to do," said LaFrancesca. "There are still a lot of new players that need to develop into our system."

Freshman Jamie Harris has been a successful addition to the Lasers, scoring four goals in the first few gamesw. LaFrancesca also noted the team's strength at goalkeeping. "We have two of the top goalies in the league (junior) Elizabeth Stickley and (sophomore) Ashley Parrelli."

LaFrancesca believes that his team could be in the top four in the league and could make a run for league championship. "I feel good about this team and we are excited," he said.

All three teams have started games to this point of the season. As of September 11th, both volleyball and field hockey compiled 1-3 records, while soccer started strong at 3-1.

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Ostrow holds roundtable with students

By Kimberly A. Hooper, Sara Brown, and Briana Nestor

CO-EDITORS-IN-CHIEF AND COPY EDITOR

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. James Ostrow recently spoke to the staff of the 1851 Chronicle about an array of topics that impact the Lasell community.

One topic discussed concerned Valentine Dining Hall. Ostrow said there are major renovation plans for the dining hall beginning this summer. The renovations will make the dining hall more appealing to students and it will have a larger capacity. Lasell College Radio also has plans to move inside the dining hall as well, Ostrow said.

Another topic that interested students was the addition of undergraduate summer and/or winter courses. Ostrow knows many students have expressed the desire for summer and winter courses and it is something the administration is considering.

"There are no concrete plans right now to offer undergraduate courses in summer or winter," said Ostrow. He said this doesn't mean it's not coming in the future but it's difficult deciding what kinds of courses would be offered and who



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V.P. of Academic Affairs Dr. James Ostrow spoke to the staff of the 1851 Chronicle during a round table discussion about the Lasell community.

Lasell would be drawing to these classes.

"Do you offer bread and butter, meat and potato courses like Introduction to Sociology or English Writing?" said Ostrow. "Or do you offer flashy electivetype courses? Because then, you're hoping to draw different kinds of people."

Many students were also interested

in the evaluation of professors. Students wanted to be assured that the evaluations they fill out are being used in a productive way.

way.

"We really need students to participate in this process [end of semester course evaluations]," said Ostrow. "This feedback is extremely important to us. It helps to keep up the quality of teaching at Lasell."

Ostrow stressed the importance of talking to professors and staying active in their own academic careers.

"I always make sure to encourage students to think creatively on how academics can be strengthened," said Ostrow.

One of the most fascinating subjects discussed during the roundtable interview was about how the institution is growing at a rapid pace. Ostrow said the college has doubled its full-time faculty size since 2001 and the student population has almost doubled since that time as well. He said if the college continues to build, the student body could grow to 1,800 students in the future.

Dr. Ostrow said the reputation of the school has dramatically increased in the past few years. "Currency of the degree exceeds what it used to have by buckets full."

-Contributions made by the 1851 Chronicle staff.

Pres. Bush's right-hand man speaks in de Witt Hall

By Casey O'Brien
1851 STAFF

Former Chief of Staff Andrew Card was made famous for the words he said to President George W. Bush on September 11, 2001: "A second plane hit the second tower. America is under attack."

In a presentation titled "The Office of the Presidency," Card explained the events of that day and the following days with emotion in his voice and tears in his eyes. He told students in de Witt Hall the story of how President Bush declared war, changed the mission of the FBI, and met with hundreds of Americans whose families were affected in the attacks, all in one day.

Card spoke about the jobs he had as Chief of Staff, saying he was "basically married to the President." He had to make sure that the President was getting enough rest and food so "he would never have to make a tough decision while hungry."

He also had to help with policy formation by providing advice and counsel, along with selling Bush on certain decisions. Card told the audience if a President makes an easy decision, he has not done his job, because a President should never have an easy decision to make. "Presidents need a particular courage that most of us don't have," said Card. "[A courage] to do what you think is right, to make the decision, even if it may be understood."

According to Card, the average tenure of a Chief of Staff, 23 months, is less than that of a worker at McDonald's. He joked that with his five-and-a-half years, he overstayed his welcome.

he overstayed his welcome.

Card's first role at the White House came when James A. Baker III asked him to work for Ronald Reagan as Special Assistant to the President. He then moved on to become Deputy Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush and was finally appointed Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush. He said Reagan was like a grandfather, George H.W. was like a father and George W. was like a brother. He was closest to George W., as they regularly had candid conversations and argued like brothers.

Card, a Massachusetts native, was born in Brockton. His family had a political background as his grandmother was a suffragist and ran for public office for the school board. Card said politics was a noble calling and not a dirty word in his family.

Card attended the University of South Carolina and served in the U.S. Navy. He started his political career by serving on the Massachusetts House of Representatives and later ran for governor of Massachusetts, though he lost.

Taking a stand against date rape

By Briana Nestor

"What I am going to tell you happens to one in four women," said Katie Koestner, a date rape survivor who shared her story of sexual assault with Lasell students and faculty this past September in de Witt Hall.

Koestner was an 18-year-old freshman at the College of William & Mary at the time of her assault. She had been friends with the man who assaulted her for just over a week. "We saw each other every day," she said. He then asked her on a date to a French restaurant off campus.

After dinner, Koestner and her attacker, who she called Peter, went back to her dorm. They danced under Koestner's glow-in-the-dark stars on her ceiling.

"He started tickling me and it became a wrestling match," she said. "I remember laughing and not laughing, funny and not funny." Peter then tried to undo the three buttons on Koestner's black dress. Koestner recalled him saying he liked her and would not hurt her.

"I wound up against the wall and hit my head three times," she said. "I could tell you my heart was pounding, my wrists hurt from being held over my head."

Once her attacker left her room, Koestner told her residential assistant and the incident was reported to the dean. "The dean told me to go home and think about it because I could ruin the guy's life," she said.

Koestner did not have evidence collected because she "did not know any better," but she still took the case to trial with the dean. In court, Koestner remembered Peter saying, "Katie told me a dozen times to stop, then she stopped and I thought she changed her mind." After a seven-hour trial with the dean, Koestner won her court case.

"I still get a really sick stomach feeling when I think about what happened," said Koestner. "My story is just one of many stories."

At the end of her speech, Koestner presented Lasell students with a challenge. "For that one out of four [women], or one out of eight, whatever you like, will you take a stand?" she said. "Don't do it for me, do it for someone else."

Koestner has appeared on television shows such as Oprah and Good Morning America and was featured on the cover of Time Magazine in 1991.

For more information about sexual assault, visit www.takebackthenight.org.



Congratulations to the women's soccer team on their 2010 GNAC championship!

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OPINION AND EDITORIAL

Editor's Column

Focus on you

By Kimberly A. Hooper

This past summer, I really started to focus on me. I realized how important it is to be mentally and physically healthy. I decided to make a plan at the beginning of the summer and I can say I successfully stuck with it. I had a daily workout routine and I changed the way I ate. Having a plan kept me organized and on track to a better and healthier me. Even though I'm back at school now with a very busy schedule, I still follow a similar routine. I know it is possible to stay healthy even when I'm awake until all hours of the night doing work and feeling like I haven't slept in weeks.

At the beginning of the summer, I wanted to set some goals for myself. I was working and had an internship, but I also had more free time than during the school year. The first thing I had to do was motivate myself. I didn't feel like spending money to join a gym and I didn't want to be stuck indoors working out all summer. My friends and I decided to walk and run daily around our neighborhoods. It was always a great workout and having someone with me can motivate me even more to exercise. Now that it is getting cold out it is hard to exercise outdoors, so why not take advantage of the gyms on campus? All you need is your Torch Card and some good music to enter and you are one step closer to a healthier you.

Choosing the right foods can also affect your mood as well as your overall health. The more I worked out this summer, the more energized I felt. I know that my diet played a major role in how I felt as well. I cut out junk food from my diet. I ate a majority of meals at home, which helped me save money, and eat healthier. Of course, going out for the occasional dinner or dessert doesn't hurt anyone, but you have to be careful about what kinds of meals you are eating and how often you are eating them. I have always loved fruits and vegetables so I've never had a problem substituting bad sweets like candy for a bowl of blueberries and strawberries.

It is very hard to transform your lifestyle and do things you aren't used to, especially with limited resources. I really had to push myself everyday this summer to workout and make smart choices about the foods I was eating. I can say now that pushing myself to do these things has really changed me as a person. I am more motivated than ever before and I like working out. I know making these choices will benefit my body now and later in life. Take a few minutes and create a plan for yourself. Even a half-hour out of your day to go to the gym or walk to the store can benefit you.

Leave the library open

By Zac Vierra

The one place a student can go to study in peace is the Brennan Library. The library provides a terrific atmosphere for students to study or do homework without being disturbed or disturbing a roommate. The only problem is that the Brennan Library is not always open.

The Brennan Library is open 7:30 a.m. to midnight on Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 3 p.m. to midnight on Sunday. These might be the most common times students flock to the library, but shouldn't it be open if someone wants to go at another time?

If students want to do homework after midnight, the library should be a place for them to do it. If people want to spend a Friday night in the library getting ahead on their homework, nothing should stop them. If someone wants to go to the library after brunch on Sunday, that option should be available.

Lasell's tuition and room and board costs about \$38,000 per year. If students are paying this much, they should be able to further their education by going to the library whenever they want.

The only challenge about having Brennan open all day would be finding someone to work or paying people to



ILLUSTRATION BY KRISTIN LIBERACKI

work when it was previously closed. The first place to look would be college students in search of jobs.

Another option is to have students use their ID cards to get in during the times when the library is closed. Surveillance cameras can be set up to keep the library safe and computers can be locked to a desk or wall so they won't be stolen. The least Lasell can do for students is allow the Brennan Library to be open for longer hours. Studying and doing homework are imperative to the success of a college student. Nothing should hinder anyone's opportunity to become successful. Leave the library open; it can only help everyone's education.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The article on "Mosque Madness" in last month's "1851 Chronicle" was misleading. The inaccurate quotations of the panelists and the general gist of the article suggested that this "madness" was simply a by-product of the age-old conflict between Islam and Christianity. However, the panelists argued for something very different and much more nuanced.

From the outset, Rev. Dr. Tom Sullivan introduced this topic as a question of guaranteeing the constitutionality of religious freedom and practice in the U.S. Prof. Dana Janbek further developed this complex approach by arguing that most American

media has conveniently reduced everything to an us-versus-them jingoism. She also provided a nice comparison of domestic to international media coverage, reminding us that media outlets "market" to different audiences. I argued that our military-industrial leaders have historically relied on politics of fear and paranoia as a way of selling shallow forms of patriotism and lots of warfare. Prof. Ed Sieh suggested that this so-called crisis in NYC had more to do with domestic frustration over a failed war policy.

Therefore, the panelists argued that this issue should NOT be viewed as part of a larger conflict between Christianity and Islam. Indeed, they argued that NONE of the events in the last nine years should viewed in this over-simplified manner. Even the terrorist attacks on September 11th by extremists—mostly from Saudi Arabia—that killed approximately 2,800 people from 115 different nations was NOT simply Islam versus Christian; instead, all types of complexities (e.g., nationalism, religious extremism, colonial resentments, socio-economics, imperialism, etc.) underlie it.

Thank you, Dr. Dennis Frey Associate Professor of History and Chair of Humanities





PROFESSOR JANICE SAVITZ

CORRECTION

In the October issue of the 1851 Chronicle, a Q and A with Professor Janice Savitz contained an embarrassing error. The first question and answer included copy from a previously published interview with a Lasell student, giving the misimpression that our beloved professor has tattoos and body piercings. She does not. In fact, we learned that Professor Savitz has a sense of humor and a big heart. Please accept our apologies.

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Attitude!

By Sara Brown
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As I am writing this I have 40 days left of my college career.

You have no idea how excited this makes me. I am getting this night before Christmas feeling every day I wake up, knowing I am closer and closer to that college degree.

At the same, this strange feeling keeps creeping into my bones. I think it's called nostalgia. I am not a big fan of this feeling as it leaves a bittersweet taste on my tongue. While it's easy to get swept up in the excitement of my impending graduation, I know that not long down the road I will miss this place.

So, before I leave, let me impart some wisdom I've gained through the years to my fellow Lasers to make your experience here a more fuller one.

First, to the dismay of popular belief, Thursday night is a school night. Now, have as many shots of tequila as you want, but take it from someone who has learned; sitting in your 8 a.m. class hung-over is no picnic. Also, if you think your professor can't tell that you had a little too much fun the night before, you are kidding yourself. Have fun on those Thursday nights, but just be conscious that Thursday night soon will be Friday morning.

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Second, get involved. I realize everyone preaches this but they have a point. Getting involved in a club or a sport makes your college experience one to remember. My first year at Lasell I did close to nothing and I was miserable. I wasn't happy here until I started joining clubs and becoming an active member of the community. Some of the best memories I will take away from Lasell is the time I spent in clubs. Take it from someone who knows; once you become an active member of this community you start to love it here a whole lot more

Third, take care of yourself. While these can be the best four years of your life, they also can be the most difficult. It is easy to get swept up in stress and anxiety. In fact, most college students report feeling depressed and stressed at some point in the college career. This is where the counseling center comes into play. If you are ever feeling stressed or depressed, go see someone in the counseling center. College is about learning how to become an adult and the first step to adulthood is taking care of your mental health.

Overall, work hard and enjoy the time you have here. We only get to live our college years once so you might as well do it right. So, take it all in and enjoy every second you can. From nugget night at the cafe to the care-free moments with your friends. Soon those days will come to an end. It may seem like it is dragging on but once graduation hits, you will be asking yourself where has the time gone?

I know I am.

Who Knew, NYU

By Mary Pavlu
1851 STAFF

Lasell transfer student Patrick O'Connor, 21, discusses his transition from NYU to Lasell College.

Q: You transferred from a huge university to Lasell. What drew you here?

A: I had always wanted a small campus near a big city. Laself has the Hospitality and Event Management major, with a strong emphasis on the event side of things. Since events are what I specialize in, the program was attractive to me.

Q: How do you handle people's reactions when you tell them you transferred from NYU?

A: People are usually shocked to hear that I came from NYU to Lasell. The bottom line is that it was never my first choice and I never truly wainted to go. I got in, got a scholarship and thought it was an opportunity that I couldn't pass up. When it didn't work out, I left.

Q:What didn't you like about NYU?

A: I didn't like being just a number. With 20,000 undergraduate students and 20,000 graduate students, it can be difficult to get a teacher's attention. Secondly, I didn't like the lack of campus. The city was a part of our campus and our campus part of the city.

Q: Is there anything you miss about NYU?

A: I miss my fraternity. While I am still a brother in Psi Upsilon, I don't get to see my brothers or take part in their week-to-week activities. Along those same lines, I made some very strong and lasting friendships at NYU and it kills me to be so far away from those people. I also miss the city itself. Sometimes Newton can just be too boring and I find myself wishing I was in NYC.

Q: Did your family support your decision? **A:** They were a little shocked and disappointed, but still supportive. I hadn't told many people about being unhappy at NYU, so when I told my parents I wanted to transfer, they were surprised.

Q: How are both colleges' environments different? Which suits you better?

A: NYU was a very "do-it-yourself" atmosphere. Lasell fosters a more nurturing environment where you can be closer with professors, have people in your class help you, and have more group work. You aren't just a number at Lasell.

Q: How do your friends at Lasell differ from your friends at NYU?

A: My friends from NYU were more mature. It's not that my friends at Lasell are childish and stupid, but I think there is a certain maturity and sense of self that you need in order to live in NYC at 17 or 18-years-old.

Q: How does junior year differ from freshman?

A: I have grown so much as a person. I am more independent than I was freshman year. I have new and better ways with coping with stress and trouble. I also have learned a great deal from my classes and about life in general.

Q: Do you ever regret leaving?

A: There are times I feel as though it wasn't the best choice or I wish I hadn't left, but I can't say that I regret it. I am happy that I got out and changed my situation.

Q: What's your advice on transferring?

A: There are good and bad reasons to transfer. I know people who have been unhappy so they transfer, but then are unhappy for the same reasons at a new school. I would encourage them to really think about why they are transferring and how things will be different at a new school.



PHOTO BY MARYBETH PAVLU

Junior Patrick O'Connor transferred to Lasell from New York University.

Fundraiser helps Haiti

By Brian Yepez

1851 STAFF

Jean Leger has been thinking about this all year. Born and raised in Haiti until the age of nine when his family decided to move to Massachusetts, he could not sit idly and do nothing for his home country. The All for Haiti fundraiser was Leger's brainchild.

Eighty-five attendees and nearly \$500 in donations later, Leger's plan and hard work paid off in spades. The night was entertaining and best of all, students actually showed up. With a list of 14 performers, the draw was unparalleled to any fundraiser set up by a Lasell student.

The production crew gathered on the first floor of the Yamawaki Art Center to commemorate their achievements. Leger was humbled by the fact that he could not have produced the event alone. "We can only do so much [as students], so I worked

closely with the Center for Community Based Learning," Leger said.

Amy Greene, Student Program Coordinator of the CCBL, spoke highly of the amount of creativity and passion Leger has displayed since before the new school year began. "He has been planning this event since spring [of] last year," said Greene. "He has even been in my office almost twice a week since the start of the semester. I'm very proud of him."

It doesn't stop at this event either. Leger was spilling his future plans as well and his passion showed in his words. "We want videos, more music, and more diversity," Leger said. "We're looking to make a difference and have fun at the same time. I want to put this event on annually because I don't want anyone to forget what happened and how they can help."

Guest Column

Safe at home

by Zac Vierra NEWS EDITOR



Have you ever walked around the campus and seen people wearing Cape Cod sweatshirts? Each time I see a Cape Cod sweatshirt a smile instantly appears on my face. You see, Cape Cod - your vacationland - is my home, one I never appreciated until I went to college.

My home town is Sandwich; MA, the oldest town on Cape Cod, a town of about 20,000 people on the western part of the Cape. I have lived in Sandwich my entire life and graduated from Sandwich High School. After 18 years in Sandwich I was ready to leave, I was sick of the same, old, boring town.

When I moved into Lasell I was excited to be living in a new town. I quickly fell in love with Newton. I had no desire to return to Sandwich on the weekends, I wanted the full college ex-

When October of my freshman year arrived, I decided to go home for Columbus Day. I missed my friends and family and strangely I missed Sandwich. As we drove over the Sagamore Bridge to arrive on the Cape, something I had done hundreds of times, I realized how much I missed the bridge and home. That weekend was great seeing friends and family for the first time in over a month. I did not return to Sandwich until Thanksgiving.

The first Thanksgiving break was wonderful. I saw family members I had not seen since the summer. All of my friends were reunited for the first time in months. I think there is something about the Cape because my group of friends from home is the best. We are such a close group and it's like family. I never truly appreciated this until we were apart. When we were together again I finally realized how blessed I was to have such great friends.

For the rest of freshman year I rarely went home. Each time I did go back I found something new to be grateful for. Because of the scarcity of my trips home, each one was that much more special.

Last summer was one of the best summers of my life. I realized how lucky I was to have the Cape Cod Baseball League and beautiful beaches at my fingertips. Somehow, being away from home made me understand how special it really was.

Here's my advice to you: stick around at Lasell on weekends and only go home once or twice during the semester; I guarantee you will have a greater appreciation for home.

And next time you see a Cape Cod sweatshirt remember not everyone goes there for vacation. Some of us call that beautiful land home.

By Jordan Mayblum



Perhaps the only thing that disappoints fans more than not making playoffs is exiting in an untimely and unceremonious fashion. Still more disappointing is the upset factor, which the men's soccer team became quite familiar with as this one hit home, literally.

After finishing the season undefeated in conference play, seven wins, no losses and two ties, and earning the number one seed in the playoffs, the Lasers had to feel good heading into their semi-final game against 4th seeded Suffolk University. Unfortunately, those feelings vanished after the Rams came in and took one from Lasell at Taylor Field. This left Lasell out of the championship picture as Suffolk will face off against Albertus Magnus in the finals.

The contest was hard fought with 43 fouls and four yellow cards being dished out during the game. Junior Matt Bruninghaus left the game after a collision with Suffolk's Ben Rollins, who scored on an open net nine minutes into the contest.

The loss cost the men's team a chance to compete for an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament, which is awarded to the winner of the GNAC tournament. There is still a chance that the season will continue, depending on whether Lasell is awarded a place in the ECAC tournament.

Meanwhile, indoors, the women's volleyball season came to an end thanks to a 3-0 defeat at Rivier College on the same day as the men's soccer team's elimination. At season's end, the volleyball team had an overall record of 12-18 and now will look towards getting past the quarterfinals next season. Coach Mary Tom said that she'll look for junior, Danielle Drapeau, to step in and fill the shoes of departing senior Melanie Costa as the leader on the team. Tom praised Drapeau prior to Tuesday's loss and said that she has already emerged as a key member of the team, leading the team in kills 19 times this year.

Fortunately for Laser fans, there has been a bright spot during fall postseason as the women's soccer team continues their pursuit of a potential National Champiashin. The Lasers were able to hold the Norwich Cadets at bay, allowing them to barely escape with a win and their first ever GNAC title. Since they joined the GNAC four years ago, the team has been a steady competitor and has finally gotten over the championship hump.

The win by the Lady Lasers does a bit to ease the loss by the men's team but the feelings of disappointment still linger.

No one wants to see their team lose in the playoffs, but the men's soccer team and women's volleyball team have both played well this season and it was certainly a memorable season for both squads. As we know, as one set of seasons comes to an end, there's a whole new wave of sports to look forward to. Mid-November signals the return of basketball, which means renewed hope that Lasell can bring home a banner somewhere along

Harris' late goal wins GNAC championship for Lasers

By Jordan Mayblum SPORTS EDITOR

After 88 minutes of frustratingly close calls, the Lasell women's soccer team was able to capture the GNAC Championship off the foot of tournament co-MVP Jamie Harris. The goal came late in a second half where the Lasers were putting immense pressure on the fourth seeded Norwich Cadets. After several shots sailed just over the net, Harris was able to get one through for her fourth game-win-

The game was back and forth for most of the first half, with Norwich nearly taking the lead in the 44th minute. The high shot was narrowly saved by junior goalkeeper Elizabeth Stickley just near the crossbar as she tipped it out of bounds with time running out in the first

The second half was controlled almost entirely by Lasell, with the offense doing a good job keeping the ball deep in Norwich territory. The Lasers came close to taking the lead on several occasions in the second half but the shots either just missed or were cut off by Norwich all-tournament goaltender Nicki Hunsicker, who put on a strong performance with 11 saves in as many attempts before the clinching goal.

Stickley earned a share of the MVP honors

with her fourth consecutive shutout, rejecting the Cadets' only two shots on goal in the title game. Stickley said she was surprised by the honor and added that she's glad to share with her freshman teammate. "I've never been in this

situation before," she said.

The win was a first for all of those involved, as Lasell clinched its first ever GNAC women's soccer title and with it an unprecedented appearance in the NCAA tournament. Fourth year coach Vito LaFrancesca said, "I'm out of my mind," moments after

Harris echoed that sentiment with her analysis of the winning goal, she said it was "crazy" and added, "I got beaten up a bit afterward," referring to the post-game celebration.

The Lasers will learn the identity of their first opponent in the NCAA tournament this work as their corrections.

week as their season is set to continue deeper into the postseason.

Getting to know the Laser coaches

By Brandon Chase and Jordan Mayblum OPINION EDITOR AND SPORTS EDITOR

In the past we've profiled the players and teams that many students know personally. However, the people responsible for showing those players the right way to go about their games have never been profiled. In this multi-part series, we will introduce you to the teachers who use Lasell's fields and courts of play as their classrooms.

> **Mary Tom** Women's volleyball



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Mary Tom just finished her 14th seoson as women's head volleyball cooch.

It's been 14 years since Mary Tom first took the reins of the women's volleyball team. In that time, she's seen the campus grow tremendously and is optimistic for further growth, not just from the campus itself but from the players she mentors. Tom said that she hopes to see all of her players mature by developing mental toughness and breaking bad habits.

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Tom focuses heavily on reminding her players that there is more to life than volleyball. Her main goal is to help her players develop, not only as athletes, but as women. "I get very disappointed when [players] don't grow personally," she said. She added that she stays in contact with some of her players and loves to contact with some of her players and loves to see them succeed after school.

She began playing volleyball at 14 and was one of the first women to participate it Chinese North American tournament that still

Her college career began as a freshman in 1978 but didn't conclude until 1996. In the meantime she got married and raised her two children before deciding that she wanted to start a, "new life," once again. She returned to Brandeis and after a brief NCAA eligibility dispute, was welcomed back to the volleyball team. At the time she said, "How much damage can a 37-year-old really do?

Upon rejoining the team, Tom proceeded. to be named a starter, team MVP, and team captain, all against competition nearly half her age. After graduating in 1996 she came to Lasell to begin her coaching career with a program that was then yet to become a varsity sport. Since then she's seen immense growth in both the school and her players, especially senior Mel-anie Costa, whom she said grew from an unexpected leader into the best captain she's had

Vito LaFrancesca Women's soccer



PHOTO BY JORDAN MAYBLUM

Vito LoFrancesca led the women's soccer team to their first GNAC title this year.

In 2007, Coach Vito LaFrancesca took over as the head coach of the women's soccer team. Since then it has become one of Lasell's most successful athletic programs and is currently among the elite in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

"I wasn't looking to make a career out of Twash t looking to make a career out of [coaching], and then my assistant coach, Jimmy [Swift]...asked me if I could be his assistant coach at Mount Alvernia High School [in Newton], "he said. LaFrancesca coached at just about every level of organized soccer and was the Assistant/Goalkeeping Coach at Babson College before coming to Lasell.

LaFrancesca's philosophy is based on edu-

LaFrancesca's philosophy is based on education and team cohesion. "I always tell my players if you don't learn something every day, 're not getting anything out of the game," he said. "If we can build a strong foundation and a strong family, and if we can work hard, then the outcome will be successful."

This season, he has led his team to a serious playoff run that so far has netted them their first GNAC title. The win propels them into the NCAA tournament with an automatic bid and a shot at the National Championship

During his tenure, the 2007 coach of the year has coached several players to spots on the GNAC all-conference team, including seven this season. More impressively, he's been at the helm of four consecutive playoff appearances including this year's GNAC finals appearance and an ECAC Division III Women's Soccer Championships.

LaFrancesca grew up in Watertown and resides in Reading. He has played soccer all his life, but tore his ACL and MCL in opposite knees during his freshman year of college. After that, he started his coaching career with a U10 girl's team in the Watertown Youth League.

PLAYER PROFILES

FIELD HOCKEY Hillary Joseph

By Brian Yepez



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Hailing from Cranford, New Jersey, freshman Hillary Joseph brought the women's field hockey team momentum and cohesion. "I got recruited by last year's coach when I participated in the National Festival in California," Joseph said.

Joseph has been playing field hockey, since seventh grade and hasn't looked back since. Her town didn't even have a program when she first started out, that is until her English teacher asked her to play. During her career, she's worked her way up the field from defender to attacker.

Playing in a competitive division back home meant Joseph was contending against some of the top teams in the state. "I started a club team the end of my junior season with Total Dutch out of Somerset, New Jersey. That's where I learned more about the game and became the player I am today. Because of what I learned with the club, we ended .500 my senior year," she said.

Joseph wasn't looking for a strict D-1 sports schedule. "I wanted a strong fashion program but not the commitment of a D-1 sports schedule since I knew what I wanted to do academically," she soid.

As a freshman, Joseph finished third on the team with seven goals and two ossists and started in 13 contests, an accomplishment she is proud of.

BASKETBALL Chris "Jordan" Fuller

By Will Henry 1851 STAFF



PHOTO BY WILL HENRY

Chris "Jordan" Fuller is a sophomore and the new starting point guard for the men's basketball team. Fuller transferred from Ave Moria University in Florida for the basketball program and a change of scenery. He loves Lasell more than his old college because of the friendliness of students and faculty.

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Fuller said he didn't know what to expect when he came here for school since his old school was so unwelcoming, but says that o recruiting visit from Coach Aoron Golletta reossured him about the good things

to come.

Fuller has high hopes for his team this year. The season is starting soon and he soys that he and his teammates will continue

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Fuller's favorite musicion is Lil' Wayne and favorite song is "Bill Gates" by Lil' Wayne. His favorite food on compus is the cafeteria cheeseburgers.
Fuller was born in Rochester, N.Y. but moved to Oviedo, Flo., when he was two-years-old. He claims to have started playing basketball when he was one-yeor-old.

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LASELL COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Investigative report: Academic rigor is questioned

By Brandon Chase and Zac Vierra OP/ED EDITOR AND NEWS EDITOR

Fashion communication major Rachel Hart, a freshman, will transfer this fall. And although each student who leaves Lasell has a different reason, Hart's is alarming: the quality and rigor of Lasell's academics are not up to her standards.

"To keep the student population afloat and have freshmen stay, there needs to be a huge overhaul of what professors expect from students," Hart said.

Do other students feel the same? Are these feelings based on perception or reality? Who is responsible for making sure students get the most out of their educations: faculty, students, administration, or a combination?

What is academic rigor?

Does academic rigor mean professors assigning five-page papers and exams every week? No, said Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jim Ostrow.

"What academic rigor should be is faculty creating an environment where students have to stretch. They have to work hard, be required to...stretch themselves beyond the limits of what they know and what they think they

know," said Ostrow.

"It's not so much about having busy work as much as having meaningful work," said communication professor Dana Janbek."

So who is responsible for creating aca-

demic rigor?

"It comes from the top," said junior sports science major Brett Walberg.

Students say rigor starts with professors holding them to high standards. However, many students say they do not experience this.

"Teachers think piling on more work is a good way to gauge that, but it's not. It's not quantity ahead of quality," said junior English major Árianna Magee.

"When students come here, a higher level



PHOTO BY BRANDON CHASE

Students collaborate on a project in Brennan Library.

of expectations should be accounted for as far as teachers are concerned," said junior fashion merchandising major Ray Donis."

One student says professors not holding students to higher standards resulted in a class's final exam being changed.

"I had a professor last semester who didn't care about the material he was teaching and it seemed like we got away with an easy grade because he ended up changing the final exam to a paper because nobody was doing well on the regular tests," said freshman communication major Justin Miller.

Many students agree with Hart, saying the level of academic challenge is not up to their standards.

"The classes I took in high school were

much more challenging," said freshman hospitality and event management major Justine Gerns.

"Going into college, I expected it to be much harder...it's probably the same level as hard as my senior year," said freshman communication major Sara Roberts.

"I haven't been challenged since I got here," said junior graphic design major Rob Conti.

Ostrow said there will always be some students who feel challenged and some who do not. "All the data I look at says some students say that, and some students say the opposite... which is true at any institution."

Sophomore Nikki Cox transferred from "...because I wanted a more academically challenging school," said Cox who now attends Skidmore College in Saratoga

"Classes were interesting and informative but not engaging because students weren't expected to do much, and as a result, most people, including myself, checked out," she said

Although Ostrow agrees with students who say academic rigor starts with professors, he believes students play a role too.

"In the first instance, it's the professor's responsibility, there's no question about that. Of course, it's the student's responsibility to come in with the right attitude and motivation and deliver on that in the classroom. It's collaborative,"

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Cancer relay held

By: Zac Vierra **NEWS EDITOR**

Everyone is affected in some way by cancer. Members of the Lasell community decided to fight back against cancer on Friday April, 8 and 9 in de Witt Hall for Lasell's first Kelay for Life. Over 100 people participated and raised a total of \$6,832.03 for the American Cancer Society, over three times the original fundraising goal.

Participants in the relay walked around de Witt from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., collecting beads for each lap walked. Cancer survivors were on hand for the event and individuals spoke about how cancer has affected them personally. Luminary bags were dedicated to people who died and have survived from cancer, which were lit with glow sticks in a ceremony. Tears were shed throughout

Along with remembering those who have been affected with cancer, the night included a lot of fun. Activities included birthday cake decorating, musical chairs, a Wii sports competition, a mummy wrap, bingo and karaoke.

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Lasell prepares for commencement

By Brandon Chase OP/ED EDITOR

While students are hard at work preparing for finals, Lasell's administration is doing the same, preparing for the 157th commencement ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 15 at 11 a.m. on Taylor Field. According to V.P. of Institutional Advancement and Commencement Committee member Ruth Shuman, approximately 2,500 people are ex-

Shuman believes attendance will be higher than usual because Mass. Senator Scott Brown

will speak.
"I think people may re-arrange their priorities and intend to come because he's speaking," Shuman said.

Past speakers have included CEO of the Boston Boys and Girls Club Josh Kraft, Talbot's CEO Trudy Sullivan, and former Texas governor

The class of 2011 will graduate 289 undergraduates and 51 graduate students. According to Shuman, this has been the most students the graduate program has awarded degrees to since the first graduate degrees were awarded

Vice President of Student Affairs Diane Austin, chair of the Commencement Committee, said the college has been planning the ceremony and the events leading up to it since

The first event is the 'torchlight parade,' which is held for seniors on the last day of classes. Seniors are given their own torch, a Lasell symbol, and march from Wolfe to Yamawaki, marking the end of their college careers. A senior-only soiree in the Campus Center follows the parade.

On the day before graduation, the Bacca-laureate Service and the Academic Recognition ceremony is held, both occurring in de Witt Hall. The Baccalaureate Service, which Austin calls a "spiritual, reflective opportunity" of seniors' college careers involves readings from different religious texts.

"It's also much more intimate than commencement," Austin says.

Austin says commencement will be held on Taylor Field, no matter what.

"Come Hell or high water, we have to be on the field," Austin says

There have only been two instances in recent history in which commencement did not take place on Taylor Field. In 1997, ceremonies were held in the parking lot now occupied by the Campus Center, Butterworth and Bragdon Halls due to renovations of Taylor Field. In 2002, commencement took place in the athletic center because of a long period of torrential rain. According to Austin, grounds crews worked through the night leading up to commencement in order to be ready.

Overall, Austin thinks the commencement ceremony will be a success

"I love our ceremony. I think we do a really nice job," says Austin.



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Editor's Column

Learning from the best

By Kimberly A. Hooper CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My dad has always been a hard worker, and when we found out the company he works for in Framingham was closing it was the worst news I've heard in a while.

My dad has always put his family first, so when the Breyers ice cream plant in Framingham closed last Wednesday I knew I had to be there for him.

The newspaper I write for in my hometown was covering the story, so I decided to go along with the reporter and help her out with some interviews because I am familiar with the company's location. The reporter started interviewing my dad and I knew it was hard for him to talk about the memories and the fact that the plant was closing. He worked there for over 10 years and made so many great friendships with the other employees. I could tell it wasn't easy for him to talk about losing his job, but it made me realize how strong of a guy he really is.

As we talked to the employees my dad was so excited to introduce me to them. He would show them just about every article I had written for my internship since last May. We went inside to talk to one of the bosses and that is when it really hit me; my dad is so proud of me. He might not always show it, but deep down I know he really loves me. The boss said how my dad always showed him my articles and was so excited to show him my first front page story last June.

Hearing these stories from people who know my dad helped me understand how close-knit the employees at Breyers really were, which is why it was so hard for all of them to say goodbye.. The story I contributed to about Breyers made it on the front page and it began by talking about my dad. My dad was really excited that he was in the newspaper. I was so glad I was able to get some of the employees to talk about their

experiences as well.

I guess I wanted to talk about this because it made me realize how important some people are in your life. I don't know where I would be or what I would be doing if it weren't for people like my dad in my life. I have such a supportive family who would do anything for me and I feel like lately I've taken that for granted. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in ourselves and our own problems and we don't necessarily pay attention to the people who might need us the most.

I know my dad will be just fine. He will

I know my dad will be just fine. He will enjoy some time off just as the weather is starting to get nice. He is so excited about my graduation in May and I am so thrilled to have my family there as well. I just wanted to thank my dad for being one of the most important people in my life. Take a few minutes to call someone you really care about in your life and just tell them "thank you." You never know how much time you have left with them. I love you dad.

Show school spirit at sports games

By Brandon Chase

One of the reasons I came to Lasell is because of its small size. The current size of the student body is 1,630, only about 300 more students than my high school. However, when it comes to attending home sports games, the size of the student body looks even smaller because of the attendance and support (or lack thereof) from 'Laser Nation.'

I work for the Athletic Department as a public address announcer and radio broadcaster as part of my on-campus work study. Every time I go to Taylor Field, Grellier Field, or the Athletic Center, the gym and bleachers are nearly empty. It doesn't make me want to do my job; my job seems useless. How am I supposed to get fired up to announce the starting lineups when the crowd can't get excited either? Getting a crowd at a home game to cheer is tougher than beating a certified genius at Jeopardy.

After doing some research on the Athletic Department website, I found out on average, how many students attended a home sports game. The average home attendance for the 11 sports teams that keep track of these numbers is 147. That calculates to only nine percent of the student body. And that number is probably less because players' family members and fans of the opposing team show up too.

'Laser Nation:' show a lot more support for your teams. I understand not every person on this campus likes sports, nor is every team a conference champion. However, with Lasell being eight miles from one of the biggest sports markets in the country and with majors like Sports Communication



ILLUSTRATION BY JESSICA SWIFT

and Sports Management offered, one has reason to believe there are many sports fans on campus.

People always complain about the lack of campus activities on weekends. There is almost always at least one home sports game per week. If you like sports, attend them.

Lasell has some successful sports teams too. Both soccer teams made the playoffs during the fall. The men's volleyball team consistently makes playoff runs, and the baseball team looks poised to do the same this year.

Show a lot more support for these athletes. Even though Lasell isn't a Division One school with nationally ranked teams and diehard fans, some of our teams are quite successful. And when less than 10 percent of the student body attends these games, it shows a lack of school spirit. The Athletic Department website's nickname may be 'Laserpride,' but the student body needs to start showing a lot more of it.

Respect our tribe

By Brian Yepez

During the development of America, there were indigenous people already living on the land. There were thousands of tribes, and more importantly, rules of respect. The former concept transcended the tribes, and if a rival were to pass through another's land, he did so with respect. He knew that it was not his land, and he was a guest.

Too often have guests from other colleges come onto our land at Lasell and hurt members of our tribe either violently, or through vandalism. Like it or not, the people you bring onto campus as your guests represent who you are.

represent who you are. Guests have hurt students from my building by fighting, destroying dorm property, and disrespecting our school. The perpetrators of these acts never think about who has to pay for all of this; remember it's the Lasell student's responsibility to do so.

Members of UConn scratched initials into the floor outside of the elevator in Forest Suites. They even had the audacity to insult my girlfriend and I, who were just passing by. After a few more insulting words on his part, it was clear he wouldn't stop. Long story short, the kid from UConn got a deserved lesson in respect to a resounding "This is Lasel!!"

He had no reason to insult us and it was a Lasell student who aided in the disrespect of a fellow student.

Having guests here is a privilege, one to be taken with great responsibility; their ignorance reflects your ignorance and always will.

Tips for college success

By Matt Young

1) Always keep an open mind

No matter how much you think you know, there is always room for additional knowledge.

2) Good enough never is

Do not be content with how good your grades are or how many clubs you are a part of. Strive for excellence in many areas.

3) Manage your time

Time management and procrasination is something that college students struggle with. If free time is used productively, meeting deadlines for course work will not surface as a problem.

4) Declare a minor

There is ample time in a college career to gain an expertise in a different field that could potentially make you more marketable to future employers.

5) Build your resume

Look at any service project opportunity or extracurricular activity as a way to enhance your resume.

6) Use your peers

Surrounding students and friends can be utilized in ways such as for copyediting or study groups that will in turn improve your individual work.

7) Network

Contact or stay in touch with any professionals you come across or meet in your four years. If there is a guest lecturer in class, get their contact information at the conclusion of the presentation

8) Get to know your professors A great deal of the time, professors

A great deal of the time, professor are former members of a particular industry. Show them the potential you have for an aspriring career and they can help you achieve your goals.

9) Take a variety of classes

Even if a class is not required for your major, take it as an elective. Your knowledge will be spread out over an array of study areas, and it could turn out to be something you want to pursue further.

10) Do what's right for you

If a certain club you joined does not interest you, do not waste your time. Take part in activities that most intrigue you and you will get the most out of them. This also applies to internships. Do not take an internship you do not truly want just because of how that company name will look on your resume.

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Humanities department chair and history professor Dennis Frey believes creating academic rigor "comes from the student... I could give a hundred of pages of work that might be challenging but I am not sure if it is rigorous. Rigor kicks in," said Frey, "the moment when the individual becomes responsible for deeper thinking."

The typical Lasell student

Ostrow said students need to come to class with the right attitude to improve academic rigor, but is Lasell accepting the right students? Director of Undergraduate Admission Jim Tweed said yes. Incoming students are more academically talented than ever, he said. "I've been here eight years...and every year, the quality of the incom-

"We have nearly 4,000 applications for admission. We accept just over half," said Tweed.

This year's freshmen had an average high school GPA of 3.0 and an average SAT score of 1,000, omitting the writing section of the test,

So what type of student does Lasell want to enroll?

"Students who first and foremost, can do the work here...we don't want to enroll students that aren't going to be successful,"Tweed said.

Students say the admissions process needs to be more selective as part of improv-

"We need to do something about attracting better quality students," said Miller.

"I think that GPA should be taken into ac-

count a lot more," said Roberts.

President Michael Alexander said there is a Bell Curve of students nationwide that measures academic ability. He said part of Lasell's mission is to educate students in the middle of the curve, where he says the majority of students nationally

"Do you want to accept stronger students, or make sure the teachers are doing the best job

Alexander believes if admissions becomes more selective, enrollment will drop when Lasell wants to grow.

"If we start admitting students with only 3.5 GPAs, they'll just go somewhere else.'

Roberts responded: "That's interesting because it proves that students who are looking for a more academic environment

According to Tweed, about 10 percent of accepted freshmen are asked to join the Honors Program and about 20 percent of admitted firstyears receive Presidential Scholarships.

Tweed said as the college grows, improving student quality isn't easy. "As the institution grows and changes and develops...you're going to experience growing pains."

Part of that challenge lies within what math professor Neil Hatem calls a bi-modal student body. "We have a lot of kids that really get it, and we have a lot of kids that are trying to get it. And there's nothing wrong with either type, but how do you teach to both so that the kids that really get it are challenged, and the kids that are trying to get it don't get discouraged?"

Students have taken note of the mixed student body too. "It's a really wide range of academic progress in students here," said freshman international business major Samantha Gomes.

From beginning to end

"I almost left my first year...It was not a challenge. It was easier than high school," said Conti, echoing others.

Professor Hatem says freshman year is usually not challenging, but the dilemma

"If you've ever played any video game, what do you notice in the first five minutes? Is it hard or easy? Easy as heck, right? Just like freshman year, the first levels are always easy. When does it get to be fun when you play a video game? When you beat it? So when they make video games, it's scary how much of it mirrors college life," Hatem said.

For some, waiting around for the education to improve isn't an option.

Part of me feels like I'm leaving without giving the school a chance because a lot of people have said after freshman year it gets harder, but at the same time, I'm not patient enough to wait,"

Still, many say the difference between the first and last years of a Lasell education are huge.

"Our top-tier level kids, they are insanely busy and they graduate ready. A lot of them are thanking Lasell for the great job they've done, where a lot of freshman are like 'What is this place? This place is a joke.' I just wish [the freshman] knew," said Hatem.

Senior hospitality and event managment major Sasha Trottier, who transferred to Lasell in 2009, believes it has prepared her to enter the work force.

"I think they offer enough in the classes and outside [with internships] to get you in the real world and network,"Trottier said."

The key is informing students of this at the beginning so they do not transfer or get frustrated during their first two years. "It's educating these kids about what our final product looks like," said Hatem.

"If students stick around they are transformed...," Frey said.

Perception or reality?

"We have a group of students that do well and use the school to transfer to other schools they think have a better academic reputation,"

According to the president, some transfer because they believe there are schools whose programs for their majors are better. But do schools really have better majors or is the quality of a Lasell degree based on perception?

"Who's to say Lasell isn't as good an intuition as Tufts or Brandeis? I think it is. It's just a different kind of place," said Ostrow. "These notions of good and bad or better and worse in higher education spoil the true meaning of education...

However, junior international business major Ryan Hodgson mentioned a common mis-

"It would be hard to be more selective and to change their image after accepting people at such a low GPA and then all of the sudden turn it around," said Hodgson.

So how does the college change this perception? There's no easy answer

Tweed said some students may not think Lasell's reputation is as good as it is because it has only been a four-year institution for 20 years.

"Some of this is perception," Tweed said. "We've been around since 1851 and I think a lot of students think 'well, they should have everything...'if you really want to think about the majority of our growth...we're talking about since 1989."

Is connected learning rigorous?

When touring Lasell, prospective students hear about 'connected learning.' But is connected learning stressed enough in the classroom? Is it unique?

"The idea of connected learning is a good

one, and it's present in some way in every school I've been to and I think that Lasell does it really

Some have a hard time buying into the philosophy.

"Connected Learning is the idea that you're supposed to have an internship and all that stuff. Every other school does that but Lasell puts a label on it. Connected Learning is supposed to be what college is about," said Hart.

"Connected Learning isn't a poster. Connected Learning is doing research and actually doing something," saidWalberg, who wants more

challenge in connected learning.

"Connected learning is when you connect material to real life," Frey said. He also believes its delivery on campus can be improved. "Connected learning is a great concept but it gets simplified and watered down to symposium and internships...It's not that simple."

On connected learning, Ostrow said: "Every moment in the classroom, students are involved in the work of the field, in the life of the academic subject matter so that in every moment in the course, and in every activity they're engaging in connection with the course," he says. "Will we achieve that perfectly? No chance."

The Wabash Study

The administration is taking a proactive approach by participating in the Wabash Study, a national study of about 50 colleges and universities which measures the effectiveness of a liberal arts education. Lasell entered the study in 2008, with Dean of Undergraduate Education Steve Bloom coordinating participation.

When the class of 2012 completed their first semester, they were asked questions relating to academic challenge and faculty expectations. The results back up what students are saying about low standards.

Only nine percent of students reported high levels of academic challenge. Eighteen percent saw high levels of challenging classes and high faculty expectations. Thirty percent reported high levels of teaching clarity and organization. All of these statistics were lower in comparison to levels reported at other schools of similar size partici-

pating in the study.
"We continue to work to analyze these results in order to improve," said Bloom.

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Cancer relay on campus

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Members of the relay were provided with food and drinks, most of which was generously donated by Sodexo.

At the end of the night, spirit awards were given to the Hope for Humanity/Cross Country team and the SGA team for their extraordinary participation during relay. Lasell's Relay for Life was started by sopho-

more Holly Irvin. Irvin had participated in 13 relays and when a friend, Betty Jane, proposed the idea to start a relay Irvin didn't think it was possible. "I told her we go to a small school, that won't happen, that's silly," said Irvin.

But when Betty Jane passed away from cancer, Irwin had a change of heart. "I decided to do a relay for BJ," said Irvin.

Getting a relay started from scratch was not an easy task. The idea was proposed in November and Irvin has been working since then to organize the relay. "It was challenging trying to get funding and working on every little detail and trying to get the word out," said Irvin

Irvin spoke about what she wanted people to get out of the relay. "I want people to feel the way I do about relay," she said. "I want to get people to know that we can do something and make a big difference."

For Lasell's first Relay for Life, Irvin's expectations were exceeded as almost \$7,000 was raised. Every dollar raised takes a step closer to eliminating cancer and Lasell certainly helped the cause. For a college's first relay it was a

Although this year's Relay for Life at Lasell is over, the battle against cancer is constant. If you would like to donate to the American Cancer Society go to www.cancer.org.

Faculty spotlight on Dr. Dana Janbek

On March 3, professors and administrative staff gathered in the Sargent classroom in Winslow Hall for a 'faculty spotlight' on Professor Dana Janbek, Ph. D. Professor Janbek presented her book called Global Terrorism & New Media: The Post Al-Qaeda Generation.

The book was co-authored by Janbek's colleague Phillip Seib, a professor at the University of Southern California, and published in October 2010. According to the product description on Amazon.com, "Global Terrorism fully examines the content of terrorist websites and extremist television programming to provide a comprehensive look at how terrorist groups use new media today." The description also adds that this book is perfect for "students of terrorism studies, media and communication studies, security studies and political science."

Janbek said that her interest in this subject comes from her open mind about politics and international relations. "lt's important to spread knowledge and books are a great way of doing it," said Janbek.

The presentation started with a discussion about terrorism. According to Janbek, a terrorist is, "an individual who engages in violent acts in the name of political or philosophical reasons." She says that many people join terrorist groups because of a personal vendetta against a common enemy: the Western world.





PHOTO BY JAMES JACKSON

Lasell Professor Dana Janbek presents her book "Global Terrorism & New Media: The Post Al-Qaeda Generation.

Women and children are especially vulnerable to being drawn into these groups. Janbek said 15 percent of suicide bomber attacks were committed by women because they can conceal the explosive and they blend into the crowd.

In today's technologically advanced

world, terrorists are using the web to promote their message of hatred. This form of terrorism is called 'cyberterrorism' according to Janbek. Terrorism has transformed from a web 1.0 format where the communication is one way to web 2.0, which is more interactive. With web 2.0, terrorist groups are now able to organize virtual communities of hate. With the emergence of Facebook, terror groups find it much easier to coordinate attacks. However, the impact of new media remains uncertain.

Media is also a major player in the game of 21st century terrorism. Janbek says that terrorists choose symbolic places that will get serious media coverage. This makes terrorist organizations look larger than they really are.

Janbek spoke about how the U.S. media incorrectly defines 'jihad' as a holy war. She informed the group that jihad actually means 'struggle,' an internal struggle to maintain faith, the struggle to improve the Muslim society, or the struggle to defend Islam.

Jihad is actually a common name in the Arab world. "I know quite a few people with the name Jihad," said Janbek.

Global Terrorism & New Media: The Post Al-Qaeda Generation is available for purchase at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble bookstore locations.

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The Center for Teaching and Learning was formed because of the Wabash Study, Bloom said, and runs workshops to improve these areas.

The good news

Lasell prides itself on small classes and an accessible faculty that form relationships with students. Former and current students say these are some of the positives associated with

"I liked the individual attention from the teachers. They really seemed to care," said sophomore Kim Bessette, who transferred to the University of Rhode Island

Sophomore Richie Saenz transferred to the University of Connecticut, but misses

"At U. Conn professors give their lectures and after that you have to motivate yourself to learn what they talked about," Saenz said.

Due to size, students are able to advance themselves in their fields quickly.

"That's why I love it here so much, because it's giving me the opportunity to do things I wouldn't be able to do at another college as a freshman," said Miller.

"I've definitely had some professors I really like and classes that were actually engaging and it made me care more," said Magee

"Our internship programs are strong," said Ostrow.

Ostrow said Lasell has received a three-year grant from the Davis Educational Foundation to begin research projects in undergraduate classes.

Overall, Frey said the academics at Lasell have improved. "The college has improved dramatically since I arrived in 2004...The academic proficiency was not as high and the college was

What needs to be improved?

Measures still need to be taken to meet the standards of some students.

President Alexander said, "It starts with hiring more high-quality faculty and more fulltime faculty.

Ostrow agrees, "We need more full-time faculty... and that's not to disparage adjunct faculty and the credentials they bring. Full-time faculty are invested in the place...they have obligations to the institution ... some of our adjunct faculty do the best Connected Learning work... but it's just difficult for a person who's teaching part-time to be fully invested in the lives of students...because they have other obligations.

Ostrow says Lasell has 73 full-time faculty

members, and the number of part-time faculty members varies by semester; he estimates it to be around 100. Searches are being held to hire new full-time faculty members in six departments.

Part of President Alexander's strategic plan is to have 67 percent of courses be taught by full-time faculty. Ostrow says that number is currently about 55 percent, but he is not sure if the 67 percent will be reached by 2012 due to budget priorities.

To improve professor quality, Walberg said more should be done in their fields outside the classroom. "There needs to be more push for professors to be doing more outside of school to heighten the reputation here."

Writing classes is one area where students and administrators see inconsistencies.

"There is some un-evenness in the quality of teaching in the writing courses," said President Alexander.

"I just feel like, with English classes...the professor hasn't prepared any kind of thing to talk about so they just go over what we read,"

Roberts says academic rigor should be improved in writing courses due to the fact that her current English class is using the entire se-

mester to write an 8-10 page paper.

"It is helpful but why are they holding our hands through it? I just feel like in high school they were like 'oh, we're preparing you for college, you're going to need to know how to write essays, the professors are going to be so hard on you...and then you get here and they're still holding our hands," she said.

Ostrow says Lasell needs to increase the amount of Connected Learning in firstyear classes.

"To the extent that students in the first year are not experiencing Connected Learning richly and fully, then that's a weakness of the institution."

"We need to do a better job in admissions of marketing, of getting the message out of what Connected Learning is, so families and students know 'don't expect an exam every week'...expect rigor to be a little different," said Tweed.

A lot goes into putting a Lasell education together, from students, professors and administrators. All of them want to improve a stu-

"We're always dreaming about 'how do we do better?'" said VP of Enrollment Management Kate O'Connor.

"I keep asking myself, is there something I can do better to get to the students?" said Janbek.
Even Rachel Hart, who is transferring, believes Lasell can improve it academic reputation if changes are made. "Lasell has really great potential to be the academic institution it wants to be, but right now it's in one of those spots where it's not up to those standards," she says.

Lasell hosts first annual phonathon

By Katelyn Hammond

The Student Ambassador program in Lasell's Office of Institutional Advancement will host the first Annual Phonathon Marathon on Wednesday, May 4. Beginning at 10 a.m., Student Ambassadors will call alumni for 12 consecutive hours (until 10 p.m. that night) asking them to contribute to the Lasell Fund, which provides funds for student financial aid, library and technology resources, athletic programs, and so much more.

Callers will be stationed on the front lawn of Klingbeil House and they will need everyone's support to complete the Phonathon Marathon (in case of rain, calling will be done inside). These Student Ambassadors make calls three nights a week throughout the school year. They do important work for Lasell, fundraising and "friend" raising with thousands of Lasell alumni across the country. This year Student Ambassadors have raised \$102,544, and the Phonathon Marathon will be the final push to reach our goal of raising a total of \$130,000 for the year! So, if you're on campus on May 4, stop by Klingbeil House to cheer on your fellow students as they make Institutional Advancement history at the 1st Annual Phonathon Marathon! Gift envelopes will be available on site for anyone who wishes to contribute to the Lasell Fund.



Student Ambassadors will strive to reach a total of \$130,000 for the year with the help of a Phonathon Marathon to contribute to the Lasell fund on May 4.

Savitz speaks about visa options

By Jacob Bell

Attorney Bennett R. Savitz, practicing specifically in immigration law, visited Lasell March 22 to discuss with students from other countries options regarding working after practical training. "Practical Training gives students one year of experience in the field before returning to their home country," said Savitz. Along with Lena Cappiello, Coordinator of International Services at Lasell, Savitz talked to students about options for visas after Practical training.

Before Savitz began the informational session he made clear that, "everything we do these days require security and back-ground checks."

Savitz began speaking about different types of non-immigrant categories like the H-1B for specialty occupations, TN for Canadians and Mexicans, L and E for Business as a tool, and Extraordinary Ability O.

The most popular visa application is the H-1B form. The H-1B is for temporary professional workers. Other limitations include a specialty occupation, bachelors degree or equivalent, and it can only be applied for three year increments in a total of six years.

The H-1B is a two step process for the intended employer. First the employer applies for a certified Labor Condition Application from the Department of Labor. The employer agrees to pay the same as an US employee. "The DOL does not 'approve' these terms only states that the employer accepts the terms,"

The second step is applying for approval of H-1B Petition from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services on behalf of the candidate it wishes to employ. Two restrictions

that coincide with step two is the employers need for a professional and the candidate must have a degree in the related field of the job.

This application process doesn't just involve applicants but dependents, like children and spouses. Dependents under the age of 21 can obtain a H-4 for same holds as the H-1B under a H-1B recipient. Under an H-4 status a dependent may attend school but may not work without a separate H-1B.

However an approval of the H-1B doesn't mean that a candidate can work immediately. An employer must recognize that an H-1B has been granted or there has been an extension

before an employee may begin work.

For H-1B applicants there is a cap for available spots, 65,000 applicants are allowed. In 2010 the cap was not reached by the deadline of April 1. Now the cap will be watched to see when it will be reached for the year 2011, barring Congressional action to stay at 65,000.

The other types of grants for visas only differ on home country, fees, and order in which employers and employees apply for them. For all applications there has to be a degree equal to or a bachelors degree that pertains to the job in question of being an employee to. For all applications there are Green Card limitations during and after the visas expiration.

There is another option for applicants, to return to their home country after practical training. After practical training applicants have various options to work in the states under certain visas, or return home with what they have learned, either before or after work-

O'Shea shares statistics about women in prison

By Casey O'Brien

On March 8, International Women's Day, Kathleen O'Shea spoke to students about women aging in prison. In her talk, titled "If I Should Die before I Wake," O'Shea spoke about the increasing number of elderly women in prison and the growing costs.

The former nun shared statistics with the audience about prisons. There are currently 3.5 million people incarcerated in the United States, a 500 percent increase in the past 30 years. This translates into one in every 100 citizens, and one in every 24 adults in Massachusetts. O'Shea said that women are the fastest growing segment of the prison population, and are often incarcerated for non-violent crimes.

O'Shea estimated that in 2011, 14.8 percent of inmates will be elderly, and by 2022, 20 percent of inmates will be geriatric patients. A regular inmate with no health problem costs \$20,000; it costs \$76,000 for an elderly patient. "In general, there are not programs for the elderly because of funding," O'Shea said.

Elderly inmates have a higher rate of

getting a chronic disease because of stressors like separation from family, prospect of dying and mental illness. O'Shea spoke about the problems, such as bunk beds in the cells and wearing chains and shackles, which the elderly face when they have mobility issues.

O'Shea offered some solutions to the growing problem. She said that many of the elderly pose no threat to society, but are in prison for life. She suggested building new facilities for the elderly, with geriatric units and workers who are able to take care of the inmates. She spoke about POPS, or Project for Older Prisoners, that evaluates their cases and looks for other forms of incarceration for them.

Most women in prison are victim of what O'Shea calls the "three strikes you're in laws," which means after a third-felony, the individual is in for life. O'Shea described women coming to prison, "The average 20 year old is pregnant, been on drugs, have no education, live in poverty and it's averaged they have had three diseases when they get there."

Spring break heads to Turkey, Greece

By Marilyn Dewar Photos by Liz Jewett and Amanda Chapman

On March 13, 2011 twenty-eight members of the Lasell community arrived in Istanbul, Turkey to begin the EF College Study Tour "Istanbul, the Greek Islands and Athens" which proved to be a most intriguing educational tour through these ancient and wonderful lands. For two days the travelers delighted in Istanbul's Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Cistern and, for shoppers, The Grand Bazaar! Then, crossing the Dardanelles they explored Canakkale, the site of epic Troy and Pergamon site of ancient Thrace prior to the awesome site of Roman Ephesus. From there began a two night Greek Isles cruise stopping at Patmos, Crete, and Santorini before arrival in Athens! The glory of the Parthenon, the mystery of Delphi and the majesty of Poseidon's temple on Cape Sounion completed this exquisite experience of some the world's most ancient civilizations. This was the eleventh educational tour Professor Dewar has arranged since coming to Lasell in 2003. What's next? "Irish Heritage" during Spring Break 2012 and "Grand Tour of Italy" in May 2012











Guest Column

I'm allergic to selfish

By Brian Yepez
1851 STAFF



I am expecting a newborn baby girl the summer after I graduate. Everything will change for my brother and his wife: as for me, always to be known as Uncle Brian from here on.

I want to believe I'm excited, I swear something had to have changed. If there were a hundred things to do with a nephew, I could do with a niece as well. Teaching a girl how to sneak across state lines and buy fireworks can't be as hard as I think. Maybe the hard part will be teaching her how to cry on cue and get out of any speeding ticket. Still, I'm getting way ahead of myself.

To make matters worse, what do I know about women? And even worse; little girls? I call my friend's babysitting responsibility Carlos and she is starting to respond to it. In fact, I don't even know her real name, which could present a problem. Should she be a scout? Or will Uncle Brian teach her how to berate the pint-sized lemonade vendors until they abandon their posts? I'm supposed to appropriately make things a little tougher on my brother; I don't think he would have it any other way. That or he might expect nothing less. I haven't decided if either point of view is a viable option yet.

To me, it's all of the easy parts; the birthdays, holidays, after school activities, and I'm sure it's going to be an experience watching her grow up. But why shouldn't it be? In the middle of the night, I'm not the one changing diapers. It's crazy to think I wouldn't have some sort of impact on her life. Maybe it will be me babysitting a few times; she'll grow up to love watching Syracuse lacrosse Saturdays on ESPN U. I can coach a bunch of fourteen year old high school students how to be better lacrosse players, but a little girl? Frankly, I'm scared as hell.

She'll probably grow up to hate me like all other women, but there could be a bright side. Maybe I'll finally have someone to act immature with again. I could teach her how to roll spit balls and avoid conversations, two things I'm stellar at: I wouldn't be doing her any favors though. Trying to get her to like me puts me in an awkward situation. It's just another form of selfishness. A minute pattern of taking until no one will be willing to give anything: not even her.

What confuses me most is why I'm still so nervous about a new niece. Am I really going to be the one to screw it up? Deep down I want to find that small piece of me that is willing to become selfless and to finally do right by someone else. It's buried somewhere deep in my heart, ready to be great just for her. She deserves the best part of me I have left to give.

NEWS FROMTHE PARTY

By Zac Vierra



Everyone has their favorite place in the world. Mine is Fenway Park.

There is something about the old ballpark that gets me every time. When I walk up to the ballpark through the tunnel and see the green grass and that giant wall, I get the chills. I feel like a ten-year-old and Fenway is my playground.

Ever since I can remember I have been going to Fenway Park with my dad. I think it's one of the best bonding experiences a father and son can have: sitting together watching baseball.

One of the reasons I like Fenway so much is because of the history. My dad would tell me stories of Yaz and Clemens and I could picture them playing on the same field where so much has changed, yet

so much has remained the same.

Any Red Sox fan will tell you, there's just something about Fenway. I have a love for the park as if it was my first home. In many ways, I guess it is. It is the place where my dad took me to see Nomar and Pedro. It was the place where my love of baseball grew.

If there is a heaven, for me it would be Fenway Park. It would be a beautiful sunny day, with fluffy white clouds. All my favorite Red Sox players would be playing: Pedro, Nomar, Youk, Manny and Big Papi. I would get to watch the players I never got to see like Yaz, Teddy Ballgame, Cy Young and Tony C.

The Sox would be winning, but the score wouldn't matter because all of my friends would be there along with my parents and extended family. Heck, everyone that ever meant something would be there; it would be a giant party.

If I went to get food there would be no lines. They would sell my grandma's Italian meals and my mom's homemade food.

Who knows if such a place exists, but the good news is that the real Fenway Park comes close enough. Sure, there might be long lines, a meal may cost me a week's pay and the Sox might not always be winning, but sometimes, just sometimes, it is perfect. When the weather is right and the Sox win, I find my own little slice of heaven on this earth.

This is why I hope Fenway Park is around forever. If they made a new one it just wouldn't be the same. I don't know what I would do without it. Sometimes you just need that favorite place to relax and not worry about a thing.

Baseball season is back and I hope to spend a lot of time at Fenway. Unfortunately Fenway won't be around forever, but for now, I'm going to enjoy it and hope that when I leave this world, a Fenway Park in the sky will be waiting for me.

Accepted students welcomed

Photos by Mary Pavlu and Alex Ferri













Losell recently hosted occepted incoming students on March 26 for Losell Day. The event consisted of o breakfast and information sessions with faculty and current students, followed by campus tours and o luncheon.

Burrows builds internship program

By James Jackson
1851 STAFF

Boston native Sarah Burrows joins Lasell as an Assistant Professor of Communication and the new Director of Internship Programs.

When asked why she wanted to work at Lasell, Burrows emphasized the 'Connected Learning' philosophy.

"I believe you learn best by doing," Burrows says. "It's a really effective vehicle of learning." She was also attracted by the entrepreneurial spirit at Lasell.

One of Professor Burrows' focus points since January has been the Washington Semester Program at American University in Washington D.C. She had to research its usefulness to the college, but once here, she realized it was a perfect fit. The program is a first for Lasell. A student who participates in the program, goes to Washington D.C. for a semester during their

junior year and completes their internship while there. It is billed as a 'study abroad alternative.' Students would have the option to do the research component of the program, which concludes a 40-page re-



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARAH BURROWS

Sarah Burrows is the new internship coordinator of Losell.

search paper or taking an elective to fulfill a requirement at American University. Students would live on campus with other students who are also enrolled in this program from around the world. Burrows is excited to bring the Washington Semester Program to Lasell because according to her, "this program is built around connected learning." She has seen the results of the program and says "Washington D.C. is a great city. There are a plethora of opportunities for college students."

With four children-two of them in college-Burrows says she understands the pressures a college student faces. She also understands the point of view from parents of college students. She hopes to get more involved with the "connected learning" philosophy.

"I'm very excited to be here and be engaged with several, diverse opportunities," Burrows says.

Still an artist at heart, she hopes to incorporate her personal art goals while at Lasell. Burrows' also wants to analyze the future of higher education in the United States and where Lasell is in terms of student advancement.

For more information on Internships in all majors or the Washington Semester Program, contact Professor Sarah Burrows at sburrows@lasell.edu

In the news

Attention all students!

Class Week will be starting April 19. Class officers will be outside the cafeteria handing out FREE T-shirts to wear for the celebration of Class Week.

Seniors

April 20:

25 DAYS UNTIL GRADUATION. Class week with Margarita's and Shopper's, FREE! Food and shuttle service available; pick up at Campus Center at 8:20-9:20 p.m. to Margarita's, pick up from Shopper's at 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.

May 3:

TORCHLIGHT PARADE! Start at Central Parking.Lot at 7:30 p.m. ALL STUDENTS WELCOME to walk the oldest Lasell tradition.

May 3:

SENIOR SOIREE! Following the Torchlight Parade at 8:30 p.m. 2nd floor of Campus Center. WEARTEAL FOR YOUR CLASS COLOR. Drinks, DJ, and snacks provided. Bring valid 21+ ID.

May 10 - May 14:

Senior Week! Be sure to make your payments.

For more Senior Class updates please contact Class President: Catherine Haydock

Juniors

April 19:

CLASS COOKOUT. Class Week 4:30 -6:30 p.m. on the Haskell House lawn. Possible night out at Jillian's in early May!

For more Junior Closs updotes please contact Class President: Kosey Looney

Sophomores

April 21:

RED SOX GAME VIEWING, outside giving away four pairs of tickets to a game, while enjoying karaoke .

For more Sophomore Closs updates please contoct Class President: Pat Slight

Freshmen

April 19:

RED SOXTICKETS ON SALE. 7 p.m. in the Office of Student Activities 2nd floor of the Campus Center. Game is on May 2nd at 7:05 p.m.

April 20:

CLASS BBQ. 5 - 7 p.m. on the East and West quad.

For more Freshmen Closs updotes please contoct Class President: Alex Ferri



Does Lasell satisfy students' dining needs?

By Jordan Mayblum

SPORTS EDITO

Starting next semester, commuters will have the option to purchase a meal plan, which is first in a line of upcoming changes for dining services. General Manager of Sodexo Mairead Van Heest said they are still working out the logistics, but that the change will definitely be in effect by the fall. Commuters will have the option to purchase a block of 25-75 meals per semester with unwest meals carrying over into the

ter, with unused meals carrying over into the next semester, an option not currently available to residents. Commuters would be able to eat on campus an average of 3-5 times a week depending on the plan they choose. All meals average out to a flat rate of \$4, regardless of time of day or day of the week.

Meanwhile residents are required to have a meal plan with a choice between 10, 14, and 19 meals per week along with \$120, \$75, or \$25 respectively in dining dollars. The cost of the meal plan is built into room and board and neither Van Heest nor Lasell VP of Business and Finance, Michael Hoyle would confirm an amount for the meal plan alone.

Allyson Fox, a senior, expressed frustration with the requirement to have a meal plan. She said, "I don't like that I can't use my swipe for guests...l want to use the money for food." She questioned where the rest of the money goes, since all three plans are identical in cost, though that cost is a mystery to all but a few.

According to Van Heest, the practice of using personal swipes for guests has always been against the rules, though enforcement didn't begin until spring of 2008. "If it's your meal plan, it's your meal plan," and added that a lack of enforcement drives expendi-

The most important part of food service at Lasell, Van Heest said, is keep-service at Lasell, van Heest said, v ing up with what students are asking for. She explained the focus is on variety and

freshness and they do the best they can to

"To many students' disbelief, we serve high quality food," she said. However, much of the students' desire to eat the food comes from the presentation. Currently, food is 'batch-cooked' based on need and placed in warmers prior to serving. Food is rarely delivered directly from the kitchen to students' plates, though that is ultimately the goal.

Van Heest said that 'napkin notes,' a primary line of communication between customer and server (along with the SGA food committee), have generally gotten more positive over time. She added that every effort is made to act on student suggestions when possible while trying to keep up with constantly evolving tastes. "When I was growing up I didn't know what an artichoke was," she said.

In regards to student satisfaction, she said, "I truly believe there's a difference from three years ago.'

However, Lasell's student satisfaction survey tells a different story. "Ratings for Valentine Dining Hall remain fairly stable over three years with a 1% improvement from two years ago. This area continues to reflect the highest negative ratings, however, with menu variety receiving the most nega-

The most important part, and also the most challenging, is providing students with the variety and healthy options they desire. Meals are planned on a four-week rotation in order to keep dishes 'fresh' in the eyes of students. Even the most popular items, like chicken nuggets, can get old if they're served all the time. Nuggets, the featured entrée every Thursday night, are still the most popular menu item despite increasing requests from students for more healthy options.

The Long-Awaited Renovation

After a trip to scout out MIT's dining operation, Hoyle said that he believed MIT students were enjoying their dining experience more, and he attributed that to the fact that food was prepared directly in front of students.

In order to offer the same type of service, Lasell is planning to renovate Valentine Dining Hall for the first time in over 10 years to include individual stations that are more spread out rather than centralized in one line. Van Heest echoed the importance of breaking up the line and better informing students of how to find the foods they are looking for which may be available, just not in the prepared serving line.

Upon completion there will be stations located throughout Valentine meant to resemble a food court that will offer meals made to order. That will include a "sports bar" like atmosphere at the grill (which will be open until midnight), bar stools at the new brick oven pizza station, and a more interactive experience with more customer service oriented workers. In addition, Lasell has hired former MIT chef and 30 year culinary veteran Karen Pelletier to help train the culinary staff and streamline the art of mass production, which Hoyle said is very difficult.

The renovation, originally scheduled for this summer, has been pushed back until summer 2012 due to increased costs associated with bringing the building up to modern codes.

The cost of the project is still unde-termined, though Hoyle expects bids from various contractors to be coming in soon.

NEWS FROM LONDON



By Briana Nestor GLOBAL CORRESPONDENT

Now that my time in London is, unfortunately, winding down, here is a quick recap of lessons I've learned while in the UK.

1. Plan ahead

I quickly came to the realization that London is extremely expensive and learned the fine art know as budgeting. This is especially important if you are doing an internship abroad. Before I came to London, I had to apply for a student work visa. The application required proof from my bank that I had enough money to support myself for five months. Before you go abroad, be sure to save enough money well in advance so you can support yourself and have some "fun money."

2. Don't let fear hold you back

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Leaving home to live and study in a foreign country can seem daunting and scary, and it is, initially. For me, saying good-bye at the airport was the most difficult part, but I think my friends and family had a more difficult time than I did. After the first few weeks of feeling homesick were over, I knew studying abroad was one of the best decisions I've made.

3. Do your homework

Look into the countries where you'd like to study abroad and weigh your options. Once you've chosen a country, make sure you research as much as you can about it. Which school will you attend? Where is it located - in a city, in the suburbs? Is it safe? What is there to do? Where can I travel outside of that country? You should also research which places you'd like to travel to while abroad. These are all things you should consider.

4. Book all of your trips in advance
You should plan to travel to other places while you're abroad. As a study abroad student, traveling is cheap and many airlines, trains, hostel, etc. offer student discounts. Prices for plane tickets, train tickets, etc. increase as the date you want to travel on gets closer. To save money, book all of your trips within the first few weeks upon

5. Consider doing an internship abroad

An international internship will look great on your resume. The experience will not only give you a career advantage, but it will give you something different and intriguing to talk about at interviews.

6. Take it all in

The first few weeks of your study abroad experience will seem overwhelming and you may feel like there is too much to take in. Culture shock and feeling overwhelmed is all part of the experience, though, so just go with the flow of things and you'll adjust in no time.

7. Take advantage of everything your Iocation has to offer

London has so many great attractions and things to do: the Tower of London, Big Ben, cruises on the River Thames, just to name a few. After searching around a bit and exploring the city, I learned that many of these attractions have student discounts and special offers for people our age. I've also learned about a few "hole-in-thewall" places to get lunch and such, like the French patisserie down the street. Explore your city and see what you find!

Cheers!

ARTS&ENTERTAINMENT

Dear Rachel

By Rachel Amiralian



Dear Rachel,

l've been with my boyfriend now for a year and a half. Our relationship has been super rocky and we've been fighting all the time. The littlest things have been

driving me crazy and I can't help but get annoyed with him all the time. We aren't happy any-more. I love him and want it to work but it's become more of a nuisance than anything. What should I do?

> Signed, Overly Aggravated

Dear Overly Aggravated,

Dear Overly Aggravated,

No one ever said relationships are easy. In fact they just get harder and harder. Love is a lot of work and most of the time the hard work is worth it. But, if you are at the point where the bad times out weigh the good times, you need to revaluate the relationship. We are still changing every day. People grow apart as they change and thats OK. Of course there are times when people grow together but at this age the majority of us grow apart. If you want to make your relationship work maybe try taking a break from each other. Summer is around the corner and sometimes it just helps to be away from a person for a little while. It allows you to realize what you actually want from them. You may find happiness without your boyfriend or you may find that you are actually happy with him. Don't spend every second of the day with your boyfriend. Pay attention to what you are fighting about and avoid getting mad over stupid things. If you love him like you say you do, you will put aside the petty issues and focus more on doing the things that you both enjoy.

Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I started a new internship about two months ago and was really enjoying it. I became friends with everyone I was working with, was doing really well at my job, and generally really liked what In lower in

> Signed, **Business Betrayed**

Dear Business Betrayed,

One thing I wish someone had told me going into the work field is never to become friends with the people you work with. Of course you should be nice to them, joke around with them, go out with them, but never actually expect them to be your friends. As awful and depressing as that sounds, it's true. In your career no matter what industry it is people are al-ways looking out for themselves first. Do not quit your internship. I can not stress how important internships are, to be hon-est I think they are more important than school. Companies want to see you have experience not an "A" in geometry. From now on don't let this girl take over your projects, finish one and then immediately go ask your boss what else you can do. Make yourself stand out and show him how bad you want to work. He will see your determination and assign you more work. Most internships are what you make of them so focus on your work and not the social side of the job and you will

xoxo, Rachel

To Write Love at Lasell

By Mary Pavlu

To Write Love On Her Arms founder Jamie Tworkowski spoke at Lasell on March 24, 2011 in deWitt hall. To Write Love on Her Arms is a nonprofit dedicated to aiding those who suffer from depression, addiction, self-injury and thoughts of suicide find hope and support. Tworkowski had simply created a Myspace to fund his friend's treatment and began selling shirts; little did he know that To Write Love on her Arms would soon become an internet phenomenon and global movement.

You may have heard of To Write Love on Her Arms through some of your favorite bands, since music is a huge part of the non-profit and what Tworkowski describes as "this powerful thing to remind us that we're alive." Supporters include Switchfoot, Anberlin, and Paramore who often sport TWLOHA tee-shirts while touring, in order to spread the message all over the world.

Tworkowski grew up in Florida and quickly became interested in the surfing scene, spending most of his time at the beach. He soon got a job at a surf shop, and described himself as "the worst" salesman. Despite this he started working for the recognized surf company Hurley at the age of 22.

During this time he befriended his co-worker Zeek who he described as "the funniest guy in his room." At a surf expo he was informed that Zeek committed suicide, and was disgusted by the way that his death was handled, like it was something that "just happens. Something in me just checked

Then he told the story of Renee, the inspiration for TWLOHA. Renee was a friend of his roommate's who was heavily addicted to drugs. Tworkowski and his friends made it their mis-



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Jamie Tworkowski spoke at Lasell's first "To Write Love on her Arms" event.

sion to help Renee, and get her into a treatment facility. One day Tworkowski noticed something her arm; a self inflicted wound spelling out a profanity. They brought her to the treatment center, but she was denied entry for her wounds and the drugs still in her system. She lived with Tworkowski and his roommate for 5 days, where

story. During this time they also brought her to musical shows, which Tworkowski believes infinitely helped in her recovery.

Eventually Tworkowski asked Renee a question; "What do you think about the possibility of telling your story?"To his surprise Renee enthusiastically accepted, saying maybe this was "the purpose for her pain."Tworkowski told the story through MySpace, thinking it would be a simple way to help a friend and stay within the community in Florida. However friend requests quickly poured in; everyone seemed to identify with Re-

nee's story.
In 2006 Tworkowski quit Hurley to pursue TWLOHA, recognizing that it was a risky career decision. "2 out of 3 people that struggle with depression don't get help for it, and suicide is the 3rd cause of death among the ages of 18-24." With statistics like these, Tworkowski knew that pursuing his cause was the right decision.

To Write Love on Her Arms holds the larg-

est online audience for non-profits on MySpace and Facebook, has responded to 100,000 messages from all over the world, and has donated \$500,000 to treatment facilities. Tworkowski has been interviewed on MTV, CNN, NBC, and in Spin Magazine. He has brought his message of hope and love to audiences throughout the world, and his visit was part of TWLOHA University Chapters.

Jarred Gorbel of The Holding Company also performed 4 songs at the event, to aid in sending the message of love and encouragement.

The event was sponsored by The Office of Student Activities, Campus Activities Board, Health Center, Counseling Center, and Peer Health Education Program.

Book Review The Twelfth Imam by Joel Rosenberg

By James Jackson

The Twelfth Imam by Joel Rosenberg is a fast paced, action filled, hold on to the edge of your seat suspense ride. Rosenberg's novel is about David Shirazi, a CIA operative who is trying to stop Iran's nuclear weapons program. In the region, political upheaval continues through rumors and visions that the mystical Twelfth Imam, a descendant of Mohammed, has returned to claim his kingdom. He also has plans to annihilate all Jews and Americans off the face of the earth. But when Israeli Intel-

ligence is able to secretly confirm that Iran has almost completed their nuclear weapons program, they prepare to strike first, and everyone including the President of the United States feverishly work to keep peace. This novel is a great read especially in today's world with the recent increase of unrest in the Middle East. Anyone who has an interest in history, politics, or action and adventure should pick up a copy today.

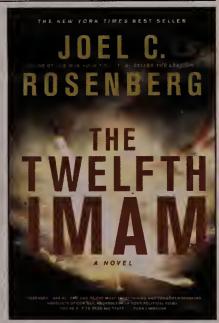


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Lasell student Kristen Coddere is a quitarist for Single Female Lawyer.

Music Review We Demand McNeil!

By Brian Yepez

Keeping the spirit of Allston Rock City alive, the three piece band Single Female Lawyer takes to nasty rugs, padded concrete, and basements of house shows everywhere. They got their name from an episode of Futurama. Aliens from the planet Omicron Persei VIII watched a show on Earth called Single Female Lawyer and were unaware the show was cancelled years before they saw it light-years away. Becoming furious, the aliens planned to destroy the planet Earth. Hilarity ensues when The Planet Express gang gets together to fool the oblivious Omicronians for a second time.

Comprised of Singer/Guitarist Ken Valentine, Guitarist Kristen Coddere and Drummer Justin Pino, Single Female Lawyer brings an eclectic sound to an overly diluted genre of music. You never have straight punk rock anymore; it's always tied together with some other style which just doesn't work. Maybe they found the balance in the light of Jawbreaker and Latterman. The music makes you want to dance, it makes you want to sing, and it generates an energy I haven't felt since I was 16 going to shows at Hamilton Street back in Bound Brook, New Jersey. Believe me, those days were always good.

It hits you pretty hard at first, what Allston is all about is the people you meet, and the places you go. Pino meets the crowds once they are done playing a set, Valentine and Coddere look to make their next show even better. As a band they work as hard as anybody in the business today. They are currently recording a six song EP due out in the coming months and are always playing wherever they are booked. Check out Single Female Lawyer's February set at Wacky Castle at http://bit.ly/fjlFQK or follow them on Twitter @SFLBoston.

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- "We be Steady Mobbin" by Lil' Wayne
- "I like this song because it has a good beat and its fun to sing along to."
- 2. "Thank me Now" by Drake
- "I have a lot of Drake's music- I think he's one of the best rappers out there."
- 3. "You're Never Over" by Eminem
- "I love his new album, 'Recovery.'"
- **4.** "I Hate This Part" by Pussy Cat Dolls
- "Honestly, I'd probably skip this song if it came on!"
- 5. "Baby by Me" by 50 Cent
 "'Have a baby by me, baby you'll
 be a millionaire.' Enough said!"



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Surrender your iPod

Compiled by Jordan Feeney and Brian Yepez

A&E EDITOR/1851 STAFF

Walking with earphones in on campus is no longer safe. Students beware of being seen with your iPod. You may be asked to surrender and explain all...

Fashion Design Major

Tyler Boover Accounting Major



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1. "Bump n Grind" by R. Kelly

"No iPod is complete without an R Kelly song."

- 2. "X Gonna Give it to Ya" by DMX
- "Woof woof [Can you elaborate?]
- 3. "Proud to be an American" by Lee Greenwood
- "God Bless the USA."
- 4. "Slow Jamz" by Kanye and Twista

"Good song. Old school Kanye's better than that new business. Although, the new stuff is good too."

- 5. " Who Let the Dogs Out " by Baha Men
- "Enough said."



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Restaurant Review

Ernesto's Pizza

By Brandon Chase

There is a plethora of pizzerias in Boston, most of them not much bigger than a college dorm room. They can go unnoticed due to their small size, but Ernesto's Pizza is a cut above the rest.

Located at 69 Salem Street in the North End, this pizza shop offers great tasting slices for even better value. Slice sizes are big, but they won't leave you bursting at the seams. Two slices of cheese costs a mere \$3.50. Available toppings include pepperoni, sausage, mushroom, eggplant, shrimp and chicken. Slices with toppings are priced from \$3.75 to \$4.50. A 20-ounce soda costs only \$1.75, so the most you'll spend on a quick bite to eat is \$6.25.

The taste of the pizza is even better than the value. It isn't drenched in sauce like many pizzas, but there's enough to compliment the fresh mozzarella. The sauce tastes sweet and the crust is baked to perfection. Slices are a little greasy, but the taste is worth the mess. Add some crushed pepper and Ernesto's homemade olive oil and it's the best piece of pizza in Boston.

Ernesto's was given the 'Hidden Gem' award by Phantom Gourmet and was voted 'Best of Boston' in 2006.

Ernesto's also offers full pizza pies, calzones and salads. Prices on pies range from \$14 to \$19. For more information, visit their website at www.ernestosnorthend.com

PHOTO BY JORDAN FEENEY

Shauna Mullin and guests swapped their old clothes for new ones on Wednesday, March 9th, at the Fashion and Service Society Clothing and Trunk Show. Local vendors also attended the event at the Campus Center, and all proceeds went to Relay for Life.

Laser It

By: Jacob Bell

Name: Shaun Kehoe

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"Hard work beats talent when talent refuses to work hard."



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THE WINDOW **SEAT**

By Jordan Mayblum SPORTS EDITOR

SpringTraining is unlike any other time in sports. The parks are small, the players are practically within reach and, unlike the regular season, they aren't deaf to the fans calling their names. It's relatively easy to 'upgrade' your seat assignment, despite the popularity that spring games have gained in recent years. It's just as easy to coax a player coming off the field or a distracted coach to send a game ball your way.

Every team welcomes fans in and does little to hinder their efforts to get close to the game. Sure, if you walk down to the front row in the first inning, you might be asked to leave. But, as a general rule, regular season restrictions don't apply. Spring games provide the ultimate fan experience and if you put any effort in at all, you'll leave with a signature or two.

Bottom line, none of the spring training parks has the types limits on fan experience that you might find during the summer.
Well, almost none of them.

Believe it or not, the New York Yankees have highlighter shirted 'ushers' guarding the best seats in by far the biggest spring training park, George M. Steinbrenner Field. Lets call them seat security (or SS for short). The Yankees are one of baseball's premier franchises and they don't hesitate to remind you every chance they get.

The Yankees are in a class by themselves. Their 27 championships are the envy of the league, their payroll is the highest in baseball and their spring home is a sprawling icebox that seems to begrudgingly allow fans in to watch the game.

That's not an exaggeration. You better bring a sweatshirt if you're going to see a Yankees home game in March and that's just how they want it. Every other park has a warmth to it that stems as much from the relaxed atmosphere as the sunny weather. The Yankees offer neither, as most of their home games are set under the chilly night sky in Tampa Bay, setting them apart in a distinct way, just the way they like it.

Try sitting next to the Yankees', or even the visitors' dugout at the icebox and chatting with the bench coach and see how

long it takes for the SS to drag you away. You can do just that at Ed Smith Stadium, the beautifully renovated spring home of the Baltimore Orioles.

Try asking Yankees manager, Joe Girardi who the starting catcher will be, as you could with former Blue Jays Manager Cito Gaston at Dunedin Stadium.

The closest you'll get to that experience is approaching the unguarded broadcast booth, where New York's part-time play-by-play announcer and full-time minister of propaganda, John Sterling might reluctantly sign a ball without so much as a glance in your direction.

At Mckechnie Field, spring home of the Pirates, all you have to do to upgrade seats is ask the usher later in the game. That's a far cry from the service with a scowl you'll find at the Icebox.

Even at City of Palms Park, home of baseball's second highest payroll and the second most World Series trophies, it's relatively easy to get away with moving behind the dugout if an empty seat exists, unless the Yankees are the opposing team.

That's right, even in the home of their arch rival, Yankees security (a wholly different entity from the SS) will be watching your every move, and if you get too close, you'll be removed faster than you can say ["]Exhibition game."

Spring Training is a calm, fan friendly environment that isn't taken seriously. Apparently that memo was never delivered to

Lasell softball rolls to 26-2 victory over Albertus Magnus

By Tom Tighe

The Lasell College Softball team defeated Albertus Magnus on Sunday, April 3rd at Lasell College 26-2. The win helped the Lady Lasers gain their valuable third GNAC win.

The win was picked up by Lasell pitcher Kirsten Mammola, her second on the season. Mammola only surrendered five hits and two earned runs. Every time Albertus Magnus started to gain momentum, Mammola shut the door with one of her six strike outs.

The real story of the game though was the hitting by Lasell College. The Lasers managed to bombard the Falcons to 26 runs off of 20 hits. Although a team effort, catcher Ashley Laramie led the team with 6 RBI's and one home run.

Also aiding Lasell's victory was Sophomore Candace Hankard Hankard who secured two hits and three runs, while having an RBI of her own. Han-kard on the Lasers victory, "We got off to a fast start. We got the first three outs and our offense was on fire. It continued for the rest of the game, but the early momentum helped carry us."

Also providing a high contribution to Lasell's offense was Santina Antoshak (Closter, NJ), Michelle Torres (Waltham, MA), Jacqueline Saluti (Braintree, MA), and Talia DeChiara (Kingston, MA), all acquiring three hits in the game.

Albertus Magnus' pitcher, Sam Corso (Derby, CT) earned the loss in the Falcon's losing effort. She pitched four innings and endured eight from her Lasell is currently holding a 4-14 record with a GNAC record of 4-2. The Albertus Magnus Falcons are still in search of their first win on the season.



PHOTO BY ALEX FERR

Lasell traunced Albertus Magnus, sweeping the Falcans in a doubleheader behind a cambined 41 runs scared and strong pitching.



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The men's valleyball team, led by senior captain, Micah Aiu, finished the year 22-16, good for third place.

Lasell alum returns as athletic trainer

By Will Henry

Patrick Jordan Quern, a Newton, MA native and 2010 Lasell graduate, is a trainer

for the sports teams here at Lasell College. "Being close to the teachers here at Lasell was a benefit," he said, on getting his trainer position with the Lasers.

He started his work before the sports season started by training the men's and women's soccer teams in August 2010. His work would later carry on into the school year as well as a substitute for teams with a per diem job (meaning paid by the hour). Throughout this school year he has also worked on and off with the men's and women's lacrosse

teams, covered the practices and games of the men's volleyball team, and is now

> covering the women's softball team's games and practices.

With the men's volleyball season over, Quern gave his thoughts over how the season went. He was pleased with the results and hopes to see that success carry into next school year. He's also very glad that no one got seriously injured during the season as well.

Quern said he still intends to help Lasell out whenever he is needed. He loves working with the students on campus and the friendly atmosphere that surrounds them. Not only that, he feels that it's an honor to work for his alma mater.



PHOTO BY WILL HENRY

Lasell alum Patrick Jordan Quern is a sports trainer for the Laser athletic teams.

Q & A: Candace Hankard

By Tom Tighe 1851 STAFF



Candace Hankard is a sophomore at Lasell College and has been a left fielder on the softball team for both years. The Lasell softball team is currently in the hunt for a place in the divisional playoffs.

Q. How long hove you been playing softball?

A. I've been playing since I was six-yearsold. I went from tee ball, to rookie league, to major league, to seniors, then high school and now college.

Q. What do you think the future holds for Lasell softball?

A. Well we lost our starting pitcher this year to a fractured foot, and we got off to a late start. Hopefully we can come together soon because she'll be coming back, and so long as we play tight defense and the bats come along we should do pretty well.

Q. What is Lasell's situotion for the playoffs?

A. Well you have to be in the top eight in the conference, so hopefully we'll clinch a conference playoff title. If we hope to do well in the playoffs or make it there this year we need to play solid because the conference is seemingly wide open for anyone to take.

Q. What draws you to the game of softboll?

A. I've been playing it my whole life so I wouldn't really know how to remove it from my life and schedule. It just wouldn't feel right not to be playing softball in the spring.

Lasers get recognition

By Jordan Mayblum SPORTS EDITÓR

Every year, Lasell athletes get recognition for their accomplishments on the field. This spring has been no different as several Lasers have earned conference or league-wide recognition for their excellence.

The awards came flowing from every direction, including rookie of the week, positional player of the week and player of the week and more.

Andrew Glenn, a freshman on the men's volleyball team, took home consecutive GNAC and NECVA rookie of the

Eric Walsh and Kristin Coderre both brought home goalkeeper of the week awards in the same week for the lacrosse teams. Coderre has recieved the honor four times this season.

Also earning multiple accolades was Eric Howard, who earned his second GNAC pitcher of the week award. Walsh also set the Lasers all-time record for K's in a game with 12.

Men's lacrosse wins **GNAC** debut

By Victor Olowojoba 1851 STAFF

The Lasell men's lacrosse team improved to 2-0 in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference thanks to a dominant 27-3 win over the Emerson College Lions, who remain winless on the year

Light rain continuously fell on Grellier Field, but even the bad weather conditions couldn't stop the Lasers from getting off to a scorching start, scoring three goals within the first five minutes of the game. The first quarter ended with Lasell leading by six goals. The Lasers remained in attack mode, scoring nine more goals in the second quarter to bring the halftime lead to 15-0.

The second half was more of the same with Lasell showing great balance, with seven different players scoring in the third quarter.

Emerson finally got on the board, scoring a goal with 7:37 left to go in the quarter, but proved to be no match for the Lasers. The Lions were able to score another two goals in the fourth quarter, but that was it as junior Patrick Mahlstedt led an excellent defense that held Emerson to just 14 shots for the game..

Senior Nick Sampson led the team with three goals while sophomore Jake LaMorte played a great all-around game, scoring a goal and handing out three assists. Freshmen Dylan Fernandes, Charles Graham and James Finn each had two goals.

The victory puts the Lasell mens lacrosse team into a tie with Mount Ida for first place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). With convincing victories over St. Joseph's and Emerson, Lasell will continue on with confidence and try to win the conference in its first season as a member of the GNAC.

They will close out the season playing home games against Norwich, Daniel Webster and Rivier while playing on the road at Becker and at rival Mount Ida.





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(left) Chelseo Coren and the women's locrosse team have won six straight games on their way to a 8-4 record, with only one loss ogoinst a conference opponent. (right) 20 different players, including Chris Bulkley (pictured), scored a goal for the Lasers (5-6) in their GNAC-debut rout of Emerson College.

Baseball team takes twinbill

By Zac Viera

The Lasell Lasers (13-10) swept the Norwich Cadets (0-13) in a doubleheader on Saturday April, 9, behind stellar pitching performances by freshmen Eric Howard and Billy Uberti. Lasell won the first game of the twin bill 13-0, while taking the second game 8-0. Each game was seven innings

Howard shut down the Cadets in the first game, pitching a complete game and allowing only three hits while striking out 12. The win improved Howard's record to 3-0 on the season.

The Lasers got off to a quick start in the first game thanks to some sloppy defense by the Cadets. Norwich committed four errors in the top of the first, and Lasell had four hits in the frame helping give the Lasers an early 5-0 lead.

That was all the run support Howard would need but Lasell didn't stop there. In the 4th junior Mike Mahoney hit an inside the park home run to give the Lasers

a 6-0 advantage. After freshman Christopher Pittman led off the 5th inning with a double, Uber-

ti hit a two-run homer to left-center field. Uberti would go 2-3 with three RBI and two runs scored in game one.

Lasell would tack on four more runs the 5th and another in the 7th for the convincing 13-0 win.

The Lasers didn't get on the board in the second game until the fifth inning. With two outs and the bases loaded, Junior Carlton Lentini hit a single up the middle scoring senior Conor Cavanagh and junior Joshua Sullivan. The two runs were all Uberti needed as he would pitch seven shutout innings on seven hits with six strikeouts.

The Lasers would get two more runs in the sixth and four in the seventh capped off by a two-RBI single by Cavanagh who went 2-5 with three RBI in the second game.

The pair of wins improved Lasell to 2-4 in the Greater Northeast Athletic Conference and dropped Norwich to 0-2 in GNAC play.

LASER PROFILES

BASEBALL Billy Uberti

By Victor Olowojoba 1851 STAFF



Billy Uberti of Newtan, MA has excelled both acodemically and athletically during his first year at Lasell. Uberti, a sports monagement major, has stayed committed to the classraom as he maintains an above average GPA.

After a stellor baseball career at Newton North High School, Uberti has brought his talents to the Lasell boseball team. Through the first half of the season, he has started every game of first base and compiled an impressive stat line that includes a.302 batting average and 11 RBI. He also pitches when called upon, making him a valuable and versatile rookie.

"So far college baseball is everything I could have imagined. A combination of hard work, commitment and fun," Uberti said.

Uberti enjays listening to music, hanging out with his brothers and friends as well as playing with his dog, Miami, during his down time.

SOFTBALL Tom DeFilippo

By Will Henry 1851 STAFF



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Thomas Defilippo was born and raised in Walthom, MA and has been involved with softboll for much of his life. He has played softball for a total of 21 years and has coached in four different leagues.

His saftball coaching career begon back in 1988 as o little league coach and he's worked his woy up from there. His next step was coaching a junior women's softball team

and after that he coached a Tournament Ju-nior Olympic travel team created to help play-ers ease their way into college style softball since their oppasition was already at the col-lege level.

lege level.

Another reoson Defilippo got invalved with softball coaching wos his daughter, Wendy. He has said that his coaching career took off when she storted playing softball. She is also one of his Assistant Coaches on the team.

Defilippo now enters his thirteenth season with Lasell College. He worked six seasons as an assistant coach and seven as the head coach. Due to current injuries to his top two starting pitchers, he said that the season's outcome is cloudy but still positive.

He said that the team has five new players who each bring a lot of skill ond talent to the team. He continues to inspire his players by teaching them to be at 100% sa they can be successful out when they play games. He never believes in coaching from a negative standpoint.



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